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Ma-on nears Japan

Super typhoon could hit
between Tokyo, Sasebo

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Petty Officer 2nd Class Mark Dutton
from Mobile Environmental Team Yokosuka looks over a DVD copy of
"Fahrenheit 9/11" on Thursday at the Yokosuka Naval Base exchange
in Japan. The movie has been a hot rental at the base video store since
its arrival Tuesday. Story on Page 14.

Bar girls' dilemma Page 3



"Rain," a Filipina bar
worker, stands
outside some of the
Tokyo clubs, which
are suffering since
the departure of 2nd
Infantry Division
soldiers to Iraq. Rain
said she ran from her
South Korean
employers after they
tried to force her to
strip for club
patrons. While some
nightclub workers in
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News Tracker ... What's new with old news

States

Geoghan killings: The convicted murderer charged with killing former priest and pedophile John J. Geoghan in his prison cell wants statements he made to investigators thrown out, claiming he was beaten and denied medical treatment before making them.

Joseph L. Druce made his request in an affidavit filed last month in Worcester (Mass.) Superior Court, where he is awaiting trial on a first-degree murder charge in Geoghan's death.

Druce's court-appointed lawyer, John H. LaChance, recently informed prosecutors that he intends to use an insanity defense.

Florida voter registration: The Florida Democratic Party accused Secretary of State Glenda Hood of violating federal law when she told elections supervisors across the state that they should reject incomplete voter-registration forms.

Hood's office told counties that should disqualify voters who failed to check a box confirming they're U.S. citizens, even if they signed an oath on the same form swearing they are. She and other state officials have maintained that state and federal laws require the box to be checked.

In a federal lawsuit filed Thursday in Tallahassee, Democratic officials urged a judge to order Hood to reverse those instructions to the state's 67 counties.

Florida voting sites: The NAACP sued the elections supervisor of Volusia County, Fla., alleging the county disenfranchises blacks by having only one early voting site in an area where few minorities live.

The NAACP wants elections chief Deanie Lowe to open another early voting site by Oct. 18 in the eastern part of the county, where more blacks live, according to the federal voting rights lawsuit filed Thursday. The county's only site is in the administrative seat of Deland, about 20 miles southwest of Daytona Beach.

Michael Jackson case: Prosecutor Tom Sneddon and his entire office should be removed from the Michael Jackson molestation case because he "is motivated by personal animosity" toward the singer, according to newly released court papers.

Filed by Jackson's lawyers, the motion claims Sneddon's handling of the investigation has revealed a conflict of interest that prevents the singer from obtaining a fair trial. It alleges Sneddon has a vendetta against Jackson dating to a 1993 molestation

investigation that did not result in charges being filed.

Safe porn sex: Frustrated by the porn industry's continuing unsafe sex practices, Los Angeles County health officials have sent 400 letters to producers and directors urging condom use during sex scenes.

The letters, which began arriving this week, also advise the industry to vaccinate performers for hepatitis A and B.

"We think this is a matter of worker protection," said Dr. Jonathan Fielding, director of the county's Department of Health Services.

Mars rovers: NASA's Mars rovers don't seem to be wearing out, so mission planners have begun to think more boldly — including a plan to let one climb up a steep slope from a crater it has been exploring to set out across a plain.

"The rovers have lasted longer than expected, but as long as we have them we're going to keep them busy," project manager Jim Erickson said Thursday in a conference call with reporters.

GOP convention protesters: A civil liberties group Thursday filed two federal lawsuits alleging that hundreds of people were illegally arrested during the Republican National Convention in New York.

The lawsuits accuse police of illegal mass arrests, illegally lengthy and unexplained detentions under flimsy conditions, and illegal fingerprinting of people charged with minor offenses.

More than 1,800 people were arrested during the four-day GOP convention at Madison Square Garden in August.

One woman said she was just trying to cross the street when she was rounded up in a mass arrest, and went into convulsions. She was hospitalized, but said she had no health insurance to cover bills totaling \$3,000.

Anthrax probe: A federal judge scolded the Justice Department on Thursday for failing to stop leaks describing former Army scientist Steven Hatfill as a "person of interest" in the investigation of the anthrax attacks.

U.S. District Judge Reggie Walton also expressed doubt that the FBI is close to identifying the person behind the mailings that killed five people and sickened 17 others in the fall of 2001.

"It doesn't seem to me there's a significant likelihood of anything in the near future that's going to change the status quo," said Walton, who is presiding over a civil suit filed by Hatfill that accuses the Justice

Department of defaming him and violating his privacy.

NYC exotic pets: A man who pleaded guilty to keeping an alligator and a tiger in his Harlem, N.Y., apartment while children lived there was sentenced Thursday to five months in jail.

Antoine Yates, who pleaded guilty in July to reckless endangerment, told the judge he never intended to put anyone at risk and that the children were never in danger.

Judge Budd Goodman said he was disturbed by a presentencing report that described Yates, 36, as delusional about having a special gift for handling animals.

World

Philippines peace monitors: The bulk of a Malaysian-led team to monitor a truce between Muslim separatist guerrillas and the government arrives Saturday in what officials call a major breakthrough in the push for peace in the southern Philippines.

The 43-strong team will join an advance group of nine Malaysian military and police officers who have been laying the groundwork for overseeing the cease-fire while talks aim to end a bloody insurgency by the Moro Islamic Liberation Front, the government's chief negotiator said in a statement.

Hong Kong SARS: Government leader Tung Chee-hwa on Friday named a hospital head Hong Kong's new health chief, replacing the man who stepped down to accept responsibilities for a botched response to the SARS crisis.

Tung announced that York Chow, who has been in charge of the Queen Mary Hospital, would succeed Dr. Yeoh Eng-king. Yeoh came under sharp criticism for Hong Kong's response to severe acute respiratory syndrome, which infected 1,755 people in Hong Kong and killed 299.

Sudan peace talks: Peace talks in the 21-year civil war in southern Sudan have resumed, with a separate conflict to the north by Darfur region casting a shadow over what mediators hope will be a spirit to a final peace agreement.

The conflict between the Sudan People's Liberation Army and the northern government over control of southern Sudan has been distinct from the current clashes in Darfur — which the U.S. government has called genocide. But southern rebel leader John Garang said a peace agreement to end the war in the south would serve as a model for solving Darfur's conflict.

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Some bar girls applaud a prostitution ban

BY SETH ROBSON

Stars and Stripes

TONGDUCHON, South Korea — Nightclub workers in Tongduchon have praised U.S. Army plans to make it illegal for soldiers to pay for sex, but they also complain they're short of work after the recent deployment of thousands of South Korea-based U.S. troops to Iraq.

Next year, troops buying sex could face dishonorable discharge and jail time under a proposed change to the Uniform Code of Military Justice. And right now, U.S. Forces Korea officials are aggressively pursuing a "zero tolerance" policy against prostitution and human trafficking.

South Korean police embarked last month on a nationwide sex-trade crackdown, resulting in hundreds of arrests. [See accompanying story.]

"We need that law so it [prostitution] can stop, and Filipinas can come here and work decently, not be forced by Koreans into prostitution."

"Myra"

Former club worker

The Pentagon wants to add to the UCMJ a charge specifically addressing prostitution and affixing a maximum punishment of one year of confinement and a dishonorable discharge for anyone convicted of paying a prostitute for sex.

In Tongduchon, the South Korean town surrounding some of the largest U.S. bases in South Korea — Camp Casey and Camp Hovey — weekend nights are quieter since the deployment of 3,600 2nd Infantry Division troops to Iraq in August.

In Toka-ri, a section of Tongduchon infamous for its brothels catering to soldiers, most nightclubs are now closed on weekends. Club workers, mainly young Filipinas,

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said many of the women who used to work in the clubs now are unemployed or have moved to Pong-tack, the town surrounding the largest U.S. airbase in South Korea, Osan Air Base.

"Rain," a Filipina former club worker, said she had not heard about the Army's move to outlaw prostitution but she supported it "... because all the ones affected here are Filipina women. The Koreans are forcing them to do that business [prostitution]."

The woman, who didn't want her real name used, came to South Korea on an entertainer's visa last year. But when she arrived in the country expecting to sing in a nightclub, she was ordered to dance topless by a nightclub owner. Rain ended up running away from her employer with six other Filipinas, she said.

Now she works as a "drinkie girl" in Tongduchon, getting soldiers to buy her drinks at \$10 a shot, with the majority of that money going to the club owner. Her conditions of employment are not ideal. On her day off, she is allowed to leave the nightclub between 7 a.m. and 10 p.m., but after that she must be in her room or pay a \$100 fine, she said.

"And the food sucks ... always eggs and noodles, every day," she said.

S. Korea sex trade crackdown nets 500 arrests

BY JOSEPH GIORDONO

Stars and Stripes

SEOUL — Just over two weeks into a sweeping crackdown by South Korean police on brothels, nightclubs and other sex-trade fronts, officials have reported more than 500 arrests and say phone tips reporting suspected illegal activity have increased markedly.

Police officials used to get one or two calls a day nationwide reporting prostitution, a senior police official said. But now, with the publicity surrounding the crackdown, they're getting 30 to 40 calls daily reporting illegal sex-trade activities.

That, said Superintendent Lee Geum-hyong of the National Police Agency, also is due in part to a new 20 million won (roughly \$17,000) reward system for information leading to the arrest and conviction of human traffickers.

Lee is heading the special police anti-prostitution campaign, which debuted last month after harsher laws went into effect.

While prostitution has been illegal in South Korea since 1948, officials said, it has long been an open and rarely punished practice. Brothel owners operate in the open, with nearly 100 distinct red-light districts throughout the country. The system thrived on bribes and sexual favors, police officials have acknowledged, vowing to change the way they operate.

On a recent weekend night on "Hooker Hill," the

red-light district in Itaewon, just outside Yongsan Garrison, the police crackdown — coupled with a 9 p.m. U.S. Forces Korea curfew — seemed to be having an effect.

More than half the nightclubs on the hill were shuttered, with only a few women calling to passers-by. Before the crackdown, the street would be teeming with men and prostitutes.

This past week, a pair of alcoholic "working girls" sat on the steps of a club near the top of the hill, complaining about the lack of customers. At the bottom of the hill, a group of South Korean police officers stood watch, a presence that caused many prospective customers to continue walking.

When one young foreigner walked by the club, the girls half-heartedly called out to him, offering a crackdown-related discount.

Police officials say they will maintain the pressure, even when a special 30-day intensive regulation period ends Oct. 31.

Sex-trade workers and club owners, for their part, are fighting back. According to the South Korean government, the sex trade brought in \$20 billion a year nationwide before the crackdown. A group of brothel owners, who face 10-year jail sentences under the new, harsher laws, formed a nationwide association to protest the move.

Brothel owners and some sex-industry workers have held numerous public protests, demanding the South Korean government provide alternative job training if the crackdown continues.

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prostitute herself to U.S. soldiers, she said.

A South Korean police spokesman said in July that Myra's manager, identified only as Park, of Snackers nightclub, and another Toka-ri club manager, Hyung, of X-Club, had been charged with illegally detaining Filipina workers and that they were likely to face human trafficking charges.

Myra said she is trying to find a job in South Korea while she waits for a civil claim against Park to go to court. However, she feared for her safety because Park recently was released from jail and there

were rumors that she and other Toka-ri nightclub owners were seeking retribution, Myra said.

Myra hoped the current South Korean crackdown on prostitution and the proposed UCMJ law would start a change in the club industry at Tongduchon.

"The girls [working in clubs] maybe should tone down their clothing and not wear bikini tops. If they [soldiers] could lose their jobs, they will just see the girls in the clubs and not do anything illegal and that is good," she said.

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New Sasebo field ready for action



PHOTOS BY GREG TYLER/Stars and Stripes

Far left: A linesman minds the down marker Friday night at the new artificial turf football and soccer field at Sasebo Naval Base's Nimitz Park as the field was inaugurated with a flag football game after a brief opening ceremony. The Morale, Welfare and Recreation department is managing the use of the field.

Left: The MWR Sports and Fitness logo is seen from above the artificial field.

Above: Flag football teams prepare to square off Friday night.

Ma-on turns toward Japan mainland

Storm puts a damper on most weekend activities

BY VINCE LITTLE

Stars and Stripes

U.S. military bases on the Kanto Plain went into Tropical Cyclone Condition of Readiness 1 at about 4 a.m. Saturday as Super Typhoon Ma-on churned toward mainland Japan. It was expected to make landfall at about 5 p.m. near Hamamatsu, southwest of Tokyo in between Nagoya and Shizuhamu.

"Provided it stays on course right now, we're looking at Yokota to see upwards of 81 mph winds," said Staff Sgt. Nicholas Bassett, a weather forecaster with the 374th Operations Support Squadron on Yokota Air Base. "Couple that with the massive amounts of rain we've gotten in last nine hours, and it could get messy."

Yokota had been doused with more than 5 inches of rain overnight, he added, and Japanese forecasters predicted 10-12 inches for the Kanto Plain and east coast of northern Honshu.

Ma-on, Chinese for "horse saddle" and the name of a Hong

Kong peak, was expected to lead with heavy rains from its outer hands.

"If it deviates much from the forecast model, we could see as little as 23-29 mph winds," Bassett said. "But the rain will be pretty consistent. The winds would be less if it migrates east, but if it stays on course, we could get quite a bit."

At 7:30 a.m. Saturday, Ma-on was about 450 miles south-southwest of Tokyo, moving north-northeast at 25 mph. The Category 5 storm had sustained winds of 155 mph with gusts to 190 mph.

The typhoon should have lost some punch before arriving as it collided with a jet stream over Japan, which was expected to shear the intense bands at the center, Bassett said.

"It'll weaken before it gets here, but off the coast it's pretty intense," he added.

Maj. Neil Sanger, the 374th Operations Support Squadron's weather flight commander, earlier said: "The typhoon could hit anywhere between Tokyo and

Sasebo. All personnel in these areas need to be prepared for a typhoon in their area."

But the potential for localized flooding remained very high.

"It's been far enough out to sea where it hasn't interacted with any of our bases yet," Bassett said, "but we'll get plenty of rain from this storm."

A C-130 squadron on Yokota was evacuated to Andersen Air Force Base, Guam, and all Air Mobility Command flights were redirected to other destinations.

All remaining Yokota aircraft were moved into hangars as the airfield was cleared in preparation for the typhoon.

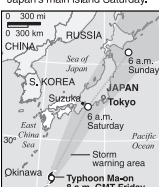
Heavy downpours drenched Okinawa early Friday, but conditions improved in the afternoon as isolated showers gave way to brief moments of sunshine.

With the typhoon making a sharp turn away from the island, U.S. military bases on Okinawa slipped back into their seasonal TCCOR-4 status at 4:05 p.m. Friday.

Still, the storm disrupted some activities. Friday's high school football game between the Kade-

Typhoon Ma-on

A strong typhoon with winds up to 110 mph is expected to hit Japan's main island Saturday.



SOURCES: ESRI, Japan
Metereological Agency

na Islanders and Kadena Buccaneers was shifted to Tuesday.

All three Okinawa Football League contests scheduled for this weekend were postponed until the end of the season, as rain associated with Ma-on rendered the Courtney Bowl, the organization's lone venue, unplayable, Marine Corps Community Services officials said.

David Oppenheimer contributed to this report.

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House votes on reserve health care

WASHINGTON — The House voted early Thursday to extend health coverage for reservists, reflecting the longer periods of active duty being required of National Guard and Reserve members.

The legislation, approved by voice vote, increases from 18 months to 24 months the maximum period under which reservists covered by the Uniformed Services Employment and Re-employment Rights Act can continue employer-sponsored health care cov-

The bill also strengthens lease termination protections enacted into law last year for the dependents of service members who are given military orders to move.

Another provision outlines civil penalties for fiduciaries who misuse the assets of service members.

Veterans' Affairs Committee Chairman Christopher Smith, R-N.J., and others expressed regret that the final bill did not contain a provision allowing the Veterans Affairs Department to provide postnatal care to newborns of female veterans receiving maternity care who are without other health insurance coverage.

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Draft rejected, but manpower crunch real

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Army officials meanwhile, have confirmed that wartime demands present the service, for now, from shortening yearlong tours of duty for soldiers sent to Iraq and Afghanistan, even with 147,000 Army National Guard and Reserve forces still mobil-

ized to support those wars.

"The Army, after doing its analysis, is looking at the possibility of doing less than 12-month tours, but that's not something that can be done right now," said Lt. Col. Gerard Healy, an Army spokesman. "And it's not really anticipated to be happening anytime soon."

The next rotation of soldiers into Iraq, set to occur from January through April, will stay at 12-month tours, said Healy. Developments that could shorten future tours, he said, include a slowdown in the pace of operations, more non-U.S. coalition forces or "greater participation by Iraqi

MILITARY UPDATE

Tom Philpott

forces" in securing their own country. Until some of that occurs, he said, the Army must stay with "12-month boots-on-the-ground rotations."

Last month, before Army audiences, Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld had difficulty explaining why soldiers serve yearlong

combat tours and Marines face only seven-month rotations.

"I say to myself 'That doesn't make a lot of sense,'" Rumsfeld conceded to soldier Sept. 14 during a visit to Fort Leonard Wood, Mo.

The defense chief said he has met twice with the Army chief of staff and Marine Corps leaders to discuss tour lengths.

"The Marines argue vigorously that they have many more younger people who come in, serve [an enlistment] and leave. [So] their rotation rhythm is they can get seven months and then have those people go back and end up

with 14 months" total deployment. In contrast, during their first enlistments, soldiers typically will serve only 12 months, Marines argued.

Rumsfeld said he challenged this two-tour versus one-tour argument, suggesting the extra movement of Marines was inefficient. But Marine Corps leaders countered that soldiers on 12-month tours are sent home anyway, for a two-week respite. Marines are not.

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BY ALEXANDRA ZAVIS

The Associated Press

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"We can confirm that the family has now received absolute proof that Ken Bigley was executed by his captors," Philip Bigley said in a statement he read on national television in Britain.

"The family here in Liverpool

believe that our government did everything it possibly could to secure the release of Ken in this impossible situation."

But another brother, Paul, said Blair has "blood on his hands." He made the comment in a written statement to the Stop the War Coa-

Bigley

lition, an activist group in Britain that opposes the conflict.

A witness who saw a videotape sent to Abu Dhabi TV said it showed six hooded, armed men standing behind the kneeling Bigley, whom the witness recognized from two previous tapes released by the kidnappers in which he pleaded for his life.

One of the six then spoke in Arabic for about a minute, saying they planned to carry out "the sentence of execution against this hostage" because the British government "did not meet our demand" to release Iraqi women de-

tained by the U.S.-led command in Iraq.

Afterward, the speaker took a knife from his belt and severed Bigley's head as three others held him down, the witness said on condition of anonymity. The tape ended with the killer holding up the severed head.

The U.S. military in Iraq said it had not found Bigley's body.

British Foreign Secretary Jack Straw condemned the killing.

Earlier, Cabinet minister Patricia Hewitt told Sky TV, "We cannot get into the business of negotiating with terrorists, with hostage

takers, with these evil people who have inflicted such appalling suffering already on Ken Bigley and his family."

Abu Dhabi TV said it had the video showing Bigley's beheading but decided not to air it.

Bigley, 62, was abducted Sept. 16 along with two Americans from their home in the upscale Mansour neighborhood by members of Tawhid and Jihad, Iraq's most feared terrorist group led by Abu Musab al-Zarqawi.

The two Americans — Eugene Armstrong, 62, and Jack Hensley, 48 — were beheaded a few days later.

Two videos surfaced last month showing Bigley begging Blair to save his life by meeting his captors' demands.

Early Friday, American warplanes struck a building in rebel-held Fallujah where the U.S. command said leaders of al-Zarqawi's network were meeting. A doctor said the attack killed 13 people, including a groom on his wedding night, and wounded 17 others.

The U.S. command said "credible intelligence sources" reported terrorist leaders were meeting at the targeted house in Fallujah, 40 miles west of Baghdad.

Associated Press writers Osama Sinar, Hamza Hendawi and Tarek al-Isawi contributed to this report.



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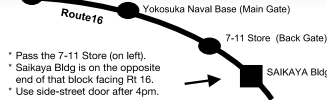
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MICHAEL TISHER

Mr. Tisher received his B.S. in computer science and his M.S. in mathematics from McNeese State University in Lake Charles, Louisiana. He has taken additional graduate work in mathematics at Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, earning a second M. S. degree there. Mr. Tisher has taught mathematics at McNeese State University and Louisiana State University and has a range of mathematics tutoring experience at both the secondary and college levels. He has also been employed at the Exxon Computing Services Center in Houston, Texas. Before joining the UMUC faculty, he served as a counselor for gifted children in a summer program and, in addition, has edited math textbooks for a textbook firm. He has taught for UMUC since 1999 at Sasebo and Misawa and in the UMUC Asia Distance Education program.

THOMAS THOMPSON

Mr. Thompson received his B.A. in political science and economics from Trinity University in San Antonio, Texas, and his M.A. in East Asian Studies from the University of Washington at Seattle, where his master's thesis dealt with the Soviet Union and Japanese foreign policy. Subsequently he took additional graduate work in political science at the University of Washington. While a graduate student he was able to spend considerable time in Japan conducting research, and also gained teaching experience at the University of Washington. Mr. Thompson joined the Asian Division faculty in 1981 and has taught in Midway Island, Misawa, Iwakuni, Korea, and Okinawa, and for an extended period in the Tokyo area.



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Israel blames al-Qaida for attacks in Egypt

The Associated Press

TABA, Egypt — Investigators searched for proof Friday that three suicide car bomb attacks targeting Red Sea resorts filled with Israeli tourists were carried out by al-Qaida, as rescuers pulled bodies from the twisted wreckage of a five-star hotel and casino.

Israel's intelligence chief blamed al-Qaida for the bombings at resorts in Egypt's Sinai Peninsula that Israeli officials said killed at least 29 people, including many celebrating a Jewish holiday, and wounded more than 100. Egyptian officials could only confirm 24 dead.

Israeli and Egyptian rescuers dug through the debris of the Tabá Hilton — the site of the biggest blast, where at least four people were believed to have died after the bomb sheared off the outer rooms of a 10-story wing. Two smaller blasts quickly followed in Ras Shitan, a camping area near the town of Nuweiba, 35 miles south of Tabá.

The Israeli intelligence chief, Maj. Gen. Aharon Ze'evi-Farkash, blamed the bombings on Osama bin Laden's al-Qaida terrorist network at an emergency Cabinet meeting. Egyptian government spokesman Magdy Rady said it was too early to speculate.

Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon's office said he and Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak agreed by telephone that they must fight terrorism together. At the Hilton, Israeli military rescuer Gefen Naveh told The Associated Press it was unlikely any more survivors would be found.

"I don't believe anyone is still alive. We just pulled out one child about 10 years old, who was dead," Naveh said.

Sinai's resorts were particularly crowded Thursday, the last day



Right: Israeli rescue workers search for victims in the debris of the Hilton Hotel in Tabá, Egypt on Friday following an explosion Thursday night, in which at least 27 Israelis were killed and more than 160 were wounded, officials and media reports said. **Left:** A child injured in the blast is treated at the hospital of the Israeli Red Sea resort of Eilat on Friday.



AP photos

of the weekend Jewish festival of Sukkot, when thousands of Israelis vacation there.

The most devastating of the bombings was at the Hilton, where a car laden with explosives crashed into the lobby and detonated, an Israeli official said on condition of anonymity. There were reports of a second or third explosion in the compound, one of which may have been a suicide bomber.

South Sinai Gov. Mustafa Afifi said there were three car bombs — one at the Hilton and two at Ras Shitan. He added that an Egyptian security guard got suspicious and tried to stop one of them at the camping area.

At the Hilton, the burned-out shell of a vehicle rested inside a meeting room.

Sheets and blankets tied to the

Hilton's balconies showed the frantic efforts by guests to flee. Stairs of a fire escape were twisted perpendicular to the building. Business cards, CDs, bottles and cans, and personal items were scattered around. Burned cars sat outside the hotel.

There were varying reports on casualties. Israel Defense Forces Home Front commander Yair Naveh told Israeli radio that 26 people were confirmed dead, 24 of them in the Tabá blast. The Egyptian Interior Ministry said 22 died.

An official at Tabá hospital, speaking on condition of anonymity, told AP 24 people were killed, including five Israelis, seven Egyptians and the rest foreigners whose nationalities were not immediately determined. Most of the deaths were at the Hilton.

More than 100 people were in-

jured, with one report saying as many as 160, and at least two Britons were among the wounded. The Russian Foreign Ministry said an elderly Russian woman was among the dead and eight Russians were wounded.

Two American employees of the U.S. Embassy in Tabá were slightly injured in the Tabá bombing. U.S. State Department spokesman Richard Boucher said Friday.

Egypt's tourism minister, Ahmed El Maghraby, indicated the attacks were political. "Look at the timing. Look at the choice of place."

He didn't elaborate, but other officials drew links to the Israeli military operation against the Palestinians in the neighboring Gaza Strip, where more than 80 Palestinians have been killed in an Israeli offensive that began Sept. 29.

Thousands of tourists rush home to Israel

The Associated Press

EILAT, Israel — Thousands of frightened Israeli tourists rushed back home Friday from Egypt's Sinai Peninsula after car bombs ripped through two Egyptian beach resorts crowded with Israeli visitors.

Many Israeli tourists complained bitterly about the Egyptian authorities, who they said prevented tourists from leaving their hotels after the blasts and delayed them at the border.

However, Egyptian government spokesman Magdy Rady denied there were any delays in allowing the Israelis in.

"There was no such a thing — no delay at all. Don't believe the Israelis," Rady said.

Yitzhak Chai, the manager of the Israeli side of the border crossing, said about 6,000 Israelis crossed back home Friday, and he believed another 6,000 Israeli tourists were still in the Sinai.

Thousands of Israelis were spending the week from Jewish holiday of Sukkot in the Sinai despite last month's warnings by the Israeli government there was a "serious possibility of a terrorist attack on Israeli tourists in the area."

On Thursday night, bombs ripped through the Tabá Hilton at the Ras Shitan resort beach huts.

Vicky Arazi, 30, a resident of Tel Aviv, said she usually does not pay attention to official warnings.

"There are always warnings, usually nothing happens," she said after returning to Israel at Tabá. "This time something happened."

Quake shakes Manila

MANILA, Philippines — An earthquake with a magnitude of 6.4 shook Manila on Friday night, swaying high rises, knocking out power over a wide area and sending frightened residents into the streets. There were no immediate reports of injuries or damage.

The shaking began at 10:36 p.m. and lasted for more than an hour.

The epicenter of the quake was on Mindoro island, 55 miles south-southwest of Manila.

The tremor was felt over a wide area, including nearly 90 miles north of the sprawling capital in the main Philippine island of Luzon.

The U.S. Geological Survey in Colorado said on its Web site the magnitude was 6.4 at a depth of about 73 miles.

A magnitude 6 quake can cause severe damage, but the depth appeared to have lessened the effect. Friday's tremor, said Renato Solidum Jr., director of the Philippine Institute of Volcanology and Seismology.

From The Associated Press

Sierra Leone leads world in child mortality

BY GERALD NADLER

The Associated Press

UNITED NATIONS — One in four children in Sierra Leone dies before age 5, and one in 10 in Iraq. Across the globe, poor care for newborns, malaria, diarrhea, malnutrition and even measles snuff out lives before a fifth birthday, according to a U.N. report released Friday.

The United Nations Children's Fund reported "alarmingly slow progress on reducing child deaths." One in 12 children worldwide doesn't make it to age 5, with half of all under-5 deaths in sub-Saharan Africa.

"It is incredible that in an age of technological and medical marvels, child survival is so tenuous in so many places, especially for the poor and marginalized," said UNICEF director Carol Bellamy, launching the report.

Child mortality refers to the number of children who die before their fifth birthday, and is measured per 1,000 live births. In 2002, industrialized countries had

7 deaths per 1,000 births, while the poorest nations had 158 in every 1,000 births.

The UNICEF study is a report card on whether countries are fulfilling a goal adopted by world leaders at the U.N. Millennium Summit in 2000 which calls for child mortality to be reduced by two-thirds by 2015.

Iraq, which has lost two wars since 1991 and was under U.N. sanctions for over a decade, lost the most ground of any nation. It was the only country in the Middle East and North Africa where the child mortality rate increased from 1990 to 2002. One in 10 Iraqi children under 5 died in 2002, while in 1990 the rate was one in 20.

In more than a third of countries in sub-Saharan Africa, child mortality rates have increased or stagnated, the report said.

The 10 countries with the most under-5 deaths since 2002 were Sierra Leone with 284 per 1,000 births, Niger 265, Angola 260, Afghanistan 257, Somalia 225, Burkina Faso 222, Guinea-Bissau 211, Haiti 212, and Congo 205.

Despite Afghanistan's tumultuous path in the last decade, it slightly reduced the number of deaths of the very young: 260 per 1,000 in 1990, to 257 in 2002, but it has a long way to go to reach the 2015 goal of 85 per 1,000 births.

Its rate was also far higher than other Asian countries. Pakistan had 107, India 93, and Sri Lanka the fewest number of under-5 deaths in Asia with 19 per 1,000, the study reported.

HIV/AIDS was a major obstacle in reducing the young mortality.

Botswana, Zimbabwe and Swaziland — with high rates of HIV and AIDS — had the second, third and fourth largest increases in under-5 deaths. Their rates of increase respectively were 37, 25 and 39 percent.

Poor care for newborns is the single most prominent cause of child deaths, while malaria accounts for more deaths than HIV/AIDS, the study said.

Malnutrition contributed to more than half of the deaths, while acute respiratory infections and di-

arrhea are at the root of approximately one-third, and measles still accounts for around five percent, it said.

"The world has the tools to improve child survival, if only it would use them," Bellamy said. "Vaccines, micronutrient supplements, and insecticide treated mosquito nets don't cost much and would save millions of children."

UNICEF said 90 nations, including 53 developing nations, are on track to meet the millennium goal of a two-thirds reduction in deaths of the young, while 98 developing countries are stagnating or going backward.

"No government should be allowed to let another 10 years pass with so little progress," Bellamy said. "Leaders have agreed to goals and they must be held accountable."

Despite the almost certainty that all countries won't reach the goal, the study said the overall figure of one-in-12 deaths globally is a vast improvement over the 1 in 5 mortality rate of the 1960s.

Terror suspects know home is where help is

BY PAUL ALEXANDER
The Associated Press

MANILA, Philippines — Astride a horse in the dense mountain jungle, the one-armed terror suspect cuts a striking figure that embellishes his image as a local Robin Hood.

Raduan Sahiron is no stranger to village on Jolo island, a hotbed of the Philippine Muslim separatist insurgency, where people tell tales about his handouts to the needy — and his skill leading the U.S.-backed troops sent to "neutralize" him. Despite some high-profile successes hunting down terrorists, men like Sahiron — and much higher profile targets on Washington's most-wanted list such as Osama bin Laden and Abu Musab al-Zarqawi — remain free by sticking to familiar terrain where they can quickly blend in or slip away with support from sympathizers.

Porous borders, disguises and fake passports make travel possible. Militaries in poor countries — terrorism's traditional breeding ground — often lack the training and equipment to track and engage well-defended targets. In some cases, corrupt officials take bribes for advance warning of raids or attacks.

It's also one thing for the United States, Australia and Russia to talk about pre-emptive strikes against terror plotters anywhere — quite another if the target is in a friendly country.

The result is a cat-and-mouse game often reliant on local troops using American training, surveillance and high-tech gear while trying to avoid civilian casualties.

"It's a tedious and complicated process," Philippine military spokesman Lt. Col. Daniel Lucero said. "It's not simply killing or annihilating the terrorists because we know that when you kill a terrorist, he may have a family and you'll have three or more potential terrorists."

"It's also a battle for hearts and mind. It's a battle of making our idea more convincing than what they're espousing," he added.

But the military's unsuccessful campaign to cripple and displace the brutal al-Qaida-linked Abu Sayyaf group on Basilan island, where relative peace has reigned for decades as government programs address poverty and other social needs with U.S. help.

"It's not impossible, we've done it in Bas-

Many at large in Southeast Asia as pro-U.S. leaders' missions hindered

lan," he said.

Not possible, but extremely difficult, especially without local support.

Pakistan has become a key U.S. ally in the war on terror since the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks on the United States. Its security forces, working closely with U.S. intelligence agents, have captured more than 600 al-Qaida suspects, including Khalid Sheikh Mohammed, believed to be the most senior al-Qaida leader after bin Laden and his deputy, Ayman al-Zawahiri.

It also has deployed about 70,000 troops in its rugged tribal regions near Afghanistan to

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Philippine military spokesman

capture al-Qaida suspects, but authorities aren't certain bin Laden's even there. The result has been a series of clashes that have killed hundreds of suspected insurgents and dozens of soldiers.

President Gen. Pervez Musharraf said Pakistan is compiling intelligence against al-Qaida operatives through the interrogation of captives, aerial surveillance and technical monitoring, but he declined to be specific about individuals for fear of compromising ongoing operations.

The situation is similar in the hunt for al-Qaida — believed to be masterminding behind numerous attacks on civilians and U.S. forces in Iraq — and other terror suspects around the world. The U.S. military has been repeatedly bombing alleged al-Zarqawi safehouses in Fallujah as part of its go-to-get-him strategy.

While searches go on, Washington worries that the terrorist training camps dismantled in Afghanistan have shifted elsewhere.

Southeast Asia is a particular concern. Jamaah Islamiyah, considered al-Qaida's arm in the region, has been linked to numerous terror attacks, including the 2002 Bali nightclub bombings in Indonesia, which killed 202 people, mostly foreign tourists.

Intelligence officials point to the southern Philippines, home to a decades-old Muslim separatist insurgency that includes the Abu Sayyaf, notorious for bombings, kidnapping for ransom and beheading hostages. Government officials say they have broken up training camps that graduated a class of 19 would-be terrorists as recently as January, but others say the training has just splintered into smaller groups.

U.S.-backed offensives against the Abu Sayyaf have largely waned on Basilan island and are credited with decimating the group.

The group's main spokesman, Abu Sayyaf, responsible for a 2001 mass kidnapping that left two Americans dead, was killed in an operation that reportedly used U.S. tracking devices hidden inside a backpack and a boat and relied on live video from a U.S. spy plane overhead.

But the group's remaining factions have slipped away to other islands, most notably Jolo, where the military launched an effort late last month to get Sahiron, his son and other guerrillas. U.S.-trained marines and troops used American night-vision goggles.

Sporadic clashes over three days in dense mountain jungle killed one marine, wounded six others and led bloodstains from an unknown number of rebel casualties. But once

again, Sahiron and his men escaped.

Army Brig. Gen. Austin Denaala, who helped supervise the operation, cited a number of factors: The guerrillas avoided confrontation, knew the terrain and used a small "blocking force" when cornered to allow the main body to sneak away — a strategy they have used before, especially while holding large numbers of hostages.

Indonesia has arrested dozens of Jamaah Islamiyah members. But police say they have narrowly missed two Malaysian militants three times because of their ability to blend in — once finding six bombs in a house where they stayed and arresting dozens of people with links to the militants.

The Malaysians — Azahari bin Husin, a

British-trained engineer and top bombmaker dubbed "the demolition man," and Noordin Mohamed Top — are the alleged masterminds of the Sept. 9 Australian Embassy bombing in Jakarta, Indonesia, that left nine dead. They are also accused of playing key roles in last year's bombing of the J.W. Marriott hotel in Jakarta and the 2002 Bali nightclub bombing.

Noordin and Azahari, known for recruiting the suicide bombers, were last seen in Jakarta before the embassy blast and are still believed to be on Java island. Police say the men have used various aliases while disguising themselves as everything from scholars to beggars.

Indonesia has been loath to crack down on some Islamic institutions, for fear of angering the country's Muslim majority. But it recently detained Muslim cleric Abu Bakar Bashir, who is a popular figure in conservative circles but has been accused of leading Jamaah Islamiyah. The 67-year-old cleric is expected to be charged later this month with bombing a hotel in 1993 and plotting to commit the Marriott hotel bombing that killed 12 people.

"All these people who a few years ago were trained in the Philippines and back in their home countries can and disperse their knowledge to groups that can act quasi-autonomously," said Stephane Berthome, who spent more than seven years as an anti-terrorism investigator for the French Interior Ministry.

Associated Press writers Jim Gomez in Manila; David S. Johnston in London; and Jim Lacey in Jakarta and Elaine Gagnier in Paris contributed to this report.

Expert sees Jenkins' pretrial moves as evidence of plea bargain

BY ERIC TALMADGE
The Associated Press

TOKYO — His defense lawyer refuses to comment on the case.

So does his wife. And since turning himself in nearly a month ago, Charles Robert Jenkins has silently vanished behind walls of the U.S. Army base where he soon will be court-martialed for allegedly deserting his unit in 1965 after defecting to communist North Korea.

But Sgt. Jenkins may have already said too much. With the Army's biggest desertion trial in decades set to open Nov. 3, there are indications Jenkins, now 64, has abandoned hope of being found innocent and is ready to plead guilty to at least one of the charges against him in exchange for a light punishment.

Officials at Camp Zama, where Jenkins turned himself in on Sept. 11, refuse to comment on the details of the case. Jenkins' military lawyer, Capt. James Culpe, has also refused comment.

But the announcement last week that the proceedings will begin Nov. 3 indicates Jenkins may have waived his right to a pretrial investigation to determine whether the court-martial is warranted.

That sometimes means the accused has worked out a plea bargain.

"There are many reasons why he might choose to waive that right," said Annette Eddie-Callagan, a former Air Force lawyer who now has a private practice in Japan. "The defense may want to get things going quickly as part of their strategy, perhaps before other potentially damaging witnesses might come forward. Or they may feel that the evidence is overwhelming and they have no choice but to make a deal."

Although the Pentagon has known for years that a number of Americans suspected of deserting to North Korea decades ago were still alive, Jenkins was thrust into the international spotlight in 2002, when an unprecedented summit between North Korean leader Kim Jong Il and Japanese Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi led to the release of six U.S. Marines' wives. Hironaka Soga was one of a dozen or so Japanese abducted by North Korean agents in the late 1970s and '80s. She and four others — the only known surviving abductees — were allowed to return to Japan, where they have become national heroes.

Fearing U.S. prosecution, Jenkins stayed behind with their two North Korea-born daughters until July, when he agreed to fly to Jakarta, Indonesia, for a reunion with his wife. Shortly after arriving there, Jenkins was whisked to Japan with his family, ostensibly for emergency medical treatment in Tokyo.

Before turning himself in more than a month later, Jenkins granted an interview to a Hong Kong-based magazine from his Tokyo hospital bed, but carefully avoided comment on whether — or if, so, why — he deserted. He has since maintained almost complete silence.

But in a cryptic interview with a Japanese magazine two years ago, just after his wife left for Japan, he shed a bit more light on the issue.

When asked how he ended up in North Korea, he said: "I walked."

The Weekly Friday magazine also quoted him as saying that, while with his unit, he was ordered to go to Vietnam,



Jenkins

and that he refused. He does not, however, admit to deserting, or say his refusal to go to Vietnam led him to leave his unit.

"I would say that he was under strict scrutiny, he was still in North Korea," Eddie-Callagan said, adding that the interview itself wasn't especially damaging to Jenkins' case. "But the prosecution can put things together and build a circumstantial case."

To convict the North Carolina native of desertion, the Army needs to prove that he had no intention of ever returning to his unit.

A key aspect of the military's case is believed to be several letters Jenkins allegedly left behind.

According to the Army, one addressed to his mother says: "I am sorry for the trouble I will cause you. I know what I will have to do. I am going to North Korea. Tell family I love them very much."

It is signed "Love, Charles."

Another note allegedly said he was leaving the lock on his wall locker for "PDL" because: "I don't need any more."

Family members have questioned the authenticity of the first note because they say Jenkins went by his middle name, Robert, rather than by Charles. Jenkins' nephew has disputed the Army's claim to have any notes, saying that they were never read or even received.

Desertion in wartime carries a maximum penalty of death. But no soldier since Pvt. Eddie Slovik has actually been executed for the crime. Slovik was executed by firing squad in January 1945.

Sentences for desertion in peacetime range from life in prison to hard labor to a dishonorable discharge.

Because the United States and North Korea were not technically at war in 1965, it was not clear which category Jenkins' case would fall into.

Iraq documents triggered school security alert

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Education and law enforcement officials in six states were put on notice last month that a computer disk found in Iraq contained photos, floor plans and other information about schools in their areas, two U.S. government officials said.

The officials stressed they had no evidence of any specific threats involving the schools in eight districts located in California, Florida, Georgia, Michigan, New Jersey and Oregon.

The downloaded data was found by the U.S. military in July and the information is publicly available on the Internet and included an Education Department report

guiding schools on how to prepare and respond to a crisis, said one of the officials, who spoke Thursday on condition of anonymity.

The person who possessed the disk was described as an Iraqi national with ties to the Baath Party that ruled Iraq under Saddam Hussein, according to a senior law enforcement official who spoke on condition of anonymity Friday. The person was not part of the terrorist insurgency being directed by Abu Musab al-Zarqawi.

The official declined to describe the person further or discuss the person's current whereabouts or possible intent.

The material on the disk appeared to be randomly

downloaded from the Internet and included such things as manuals on workplace safety, crisis management studies and building security diagrams.

The FBI alerted local education and law enforcement authorities of the finding last month.

Officials did not provide the names of the districts. But Kay Baker, superintendent of Oregon's Salem-Keizer district, confirmed hers was among them.

San Diego schools also were included, according to The San Diego Union-Tribune, and ABC News said there was a second California district. The Salem Statesman Journal reported the other districts were Fort Myers, Fla.; Jones County, Ga.; Birch Run, Mich.; and Franklinville and Rumson, both in New Jersey.

Terror suspect plea deal

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — A man taken into custody after a police officer saw him videotaping Charlotte's skyscrapers has agreed to plead guilty to immigration charges.

Kamran Akhtar signed a deal Thursday agreeing to spend up to six months in prison before being deported to his native Pakistan.

"These are all immigration-related charges, and Mr. Akhtar thought it was in his best interest to accept the plea offer and minimize his amount of prison time and expedite his departure to Pakistan," said his lawyer, George N. Miller.

Federal authorities are still trying to determine whether the New York City resident has any links to terrorism. They have said he is not on any terrorism watch list, and Homeland Security Secretary Tom Ridge said in August that he had not been tied to terrorism.

Akhtar has been jailed since he was taken into custody July 20. Investigators found a videotape in his camera showing the 60-story Bank of America tower and the skyscraper that houses the Charlotte office of the FBI. Other tapes in Akhtar's possession showed buildings and landmarks in Atlanta, New Orleans, Dallas, Houston and Austin, Texas, authorities said.

Increased border patrol

PLATTSBURGH, N.Y. — Beefed up air patrols designed to intercept terrorists, drug smugglers and illegal aliens along the nation's vast northeastern border will be launched from a base commissioned Friday.

The new Air and Marine Operations facility at a former Air Force base in the northeast corner of New York is one of five that will be responsible for tightening surveillance along the U.S.-Canadian border.

The first facility opened in August in Bellingham, Wash. Others are tentatively planned for near Detroit, Grand Forks, N.D. and Great Falls, Mont.

National security is a main concern. But Department of Homeland Security helicopter pilot Dennis Del Grosso said agents on patrol are looking for anything from low-flying planes trying to skirt radar to illegal aliens or drug runners trying to sneak over the border on snowmobiles.

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Newest poll data show Kerry has a slight lead

By WILL LESTER
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Democrat John Kerry has taken a slight lead over President Bush, according to an Associated Press poll that found him gaining ground with women, boosting his overall popularity and cutting into the president's advantage on national security.

The two candidates remain in a very close race ahead of a second debate Friday night in St. Louis.



Kerry

Among 944 likely voters, the Democratic ticket of Kerry and John Edwards led Bush and Vice President Dick Cheney, 50 percent to 46 percent, in the poll conducted for the AP by Ipsos-Public Affairs.

The Oct. 4-6 survey had a margin of error of plus or minus 3 percentage points.

The race was tied at 47 percent

among the 1,273 registered voters in the poll, similar to others showing a tight race.

With bloodshed increasing in Iraq, Kerry sharpened his attacks, and Bush stumbled in their initial debate a week ago. Another possible factor influencing the results: Consumer confidence has been dropping in recent weeks, according to several measures of attitudes about the economy.

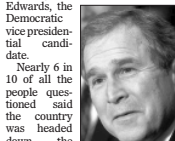
Nearly three-fourths of likely voters surveyed by the AP said they had watched or listened to the first Bush-Kerry debate on Sept. 30. About 4 in 10 — 39 percent — said they came away with a more favorable view of Kerry, while just 8 percent felt better about Bush.

"I was more comfortable with Kerry after the debate," said Louis Robinson, a 66-year-old retiree and Democrat from Pittsburgh.

Nearly one-third of those who watched the debate said it gave them a less favorable view of Bush.

Bush advisers privately acknowledge that he cost himself in the first debate by fidgeting and grinning during Kerry's answers

and failing to seize upon openings by the Democrat. They felt better about Cheney's performance Tuesday against Edwards, the Democratic vice presidential candidate.



Bush

Nearly 6 in 10 of all the people questioned said the country was headed down the wrong track, reflecting a gloomy national mood that could jeopardize Bush's re-election bid. His overall job approval rating among likely voters, 46 percent, was at its lowest point since June — down from 54 percent late last month.

Bush's current job approval falls at the midpoint between recent presidents who won and lost re-election.

Forty-four percent of likely voters approved of Bush's handling of the war in Iraq, down from 51 percent in the late-September poll.

On the issues



Should the government legalize the importation of cheaper prescription drugs from Canada or other countries?

President Bush



"Any drug importation plan must guarantee Americans the safety and effectiveness they currently have under the gold-standard of the Food and Drug Administration. I have appointed Surgeon General Richard Carmona to lead a federal task force to determine what resources and authority would be needed to

ensure that importation could be done safely. Since 2001, I have worked to lower the costs of medicines for all Americans by passing a new Medicare drug benefit to cut seniors' drug costs in half. We have also closed loopholes to speed safe and effective generic drugs to market, saving American consumers \$35 billion in drug costs over 10 years."

Sen. John Kerry



"Yes. It's right to allow reimportation of safe, FDA-approved prescription drugs to give our seniors affordable access to the substantial discounts for prescriptions available in Canada and other countries. The prescription drug industry

charges Americans the highest prices for prescription drugs in the world, while reaping high profits. I will allow individuals, pharmacists, wholesalers and distributors to reimport FDA-approved prescription drugs from other countries at lower prices with systems to ensure safety as well as lower costs."

AP

Likely voters were about evenly split — Bush at 49 percent and Kerry at 46 percent — on the question of who is best suited to handle Iraq.

On the question of who would do the best job protecting the United States, Bush led Kerry 51 percent to 45 percent among likely voters — down from the 20-point lead Bush held in a Sept. 7-9 poll by

AP-Ipsos. Bush has had a big advantage on that issue since the beginning of the campaign.

"The biggest thing is that I feel comfortable with Bush on terrorism, foreign conflicts and any threats at home," said Wanda Burkel, a 54-year-old independent from Lake Forest, Calif.

AP writers Ron Fournier and Trevor Tompkins contributed to this report.

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Some Pacific military hospitals recall Vioxx

BY FRED ZIMMERMAN

Stars and Stripes

CAMP FOSTER, Okinawa — Some military hospitals in the Pacific are recalling the arthritis medication rofecoxib, better known as Vioxx.

The Merck Corp. announced a voluntary worldwide withdrawal of the medication on Sept. 30. According to the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, the recall was issued due to "safety concerns of an increased risk of cardiovascular events, including heart attack and stroke, in patients on Vioxx."

Neither the U.S. Naval Hospital Okinawa nor the 18th Medical Group Clinic on Kadena Air Base, Okinawa, are dispensing the medication, according to Amanda Woodhead, hospital spokeswoman. She said both facilities are urging patients to stop taking the medication.

Woodhead said current prescriptions for Vioxx will be changed automatically to an alternative; patients can call the hospital pharmacy at DSN 631-7557, or the Kadena Clinic at DSN 630-4591, or visit one of the pharmacies to have the substitute prescription filled. Patients also can return any unused Vioxx when they pick up their new medication.

Woodhead said paying patients at the hospital can return any unused Vioxx, including already opened packages, to the business

FDA accused of silencing scientist's warnings

BY DIEDRA HENDERSON

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Food and Drug Administration silenced one of its drug experts who raised safety concerns weeks before Merck & Co. yanked the blockbuster drug Vioxx due to increased risks for heart attack and strokes, the chairman of the Senate Finance Committee said Thursday.

Dr. David J. Graham, associate director for science in the FDA Drug Center's Office of Drug Safety, told Senate investigators he faced stiff resistance within the regulatory agency to his findings.

"Dr. Graham described an environment where he was 'ostracized,' 'subjected to veiled threats' and 'intimidation,'" Sen. Chuck Grassley, R-Iowa, said in a statement after Finance Committee investigators interviewed the researcher Thursday.

Graham said Grassley's characterization was accurate. Raising safety concerns within the agency is "extremely difficult," the 20-year employee said, declining further comment.

In a prepared statement, the FDA said it "values open discussion and frank exchange about scientific and medical issues" and subjects its scientists to "more rigorous" scrutiny than typical scientific peer reviews.

The Government Accountability Office, an investigative arm of Congress, already has been asked to look into whether the FDA muzzled another staffer who linked antidepressants to raising the odds of

children suffering suicidal tendencies. When Merck voluntarily pulled Vioxx from the market on Sept. 30, the GAO was asked to roll the FDA's handling of that controversy into its inquiry.

A "picture is emerging of an agency that has set the forest for the trees," Grassley said. "Merck knew it had trouble on its hands and took action. At the same time, instead of acting as a public watchdog, the Food and Drug Administration was busy challenging its own expert and calling his work 'scientific rumor.'"

Graham was lead author on a research project that studied the records of 1.39 million Kaiser Permanente patients, including 40,405 treated with Pfizer's Celebrex and 26,748 treated with Vioxx. The study found that high doses of Vioxx, known as rofecoxib, tripled risks of heart attacks and sudden cardiac death. The research team's original conclusion said high doses of Vioxx should not be prescribed or used.

"I think the recommendation about high dose rofecoxib is unnecessary and particularly problematic since FDA funded this study," Anne E. Trontell, deputy director of the FDA's Office of Drug Safety, wrote in an Aug. 12 e-mail that Grassley released.

In the e-mail, Trontell suggested that Graham defer his presentation in favor of a journal article so dissenting scientists — including within the FDA — could comment.

"I've gone about as far as I can without compromising my deeply held conclusions about this safety question," Graham replied in an Aug. 13 e-mail.

Vioxx and advising patients to stop taking the medication immediately.

Individuals with Vioxx prescriptions are urged to contact their primary care physicians, Moore said. It's uncertain whether they'll receive substitute medications or be reimbursed.

U.S. Naval Hospital, Yokosuka's pharmacy was not asking patients to return their Vioxx, but it is no longer filling or refilling prescriptions for it.

"They don't have to bring their Vioxx back to us," said Navy Lt. Ben Schwartz, the hospital's head pharmacist. "We say they should contact their physician for an alternative, at their leisure. It's not an immediate concern. The risk for a cardiovascular event is very low."

Officials from the 18th Medical Command at Yongsan Garrison, South Korea, could not be reached for comment Friday afternoon.

The recall by Merck affects Vioxx only and is not considered an immediate concern to patients who have been taking the drug. Food and Drug Administration officials did not require the withdrawal and said that the risk to individual patients is small.

Visit www.merck.com, or www.vioxx.com for more information about Vioxx and its recall.

Greg Tyler and Vince Little contributed to this report.

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Martha Stewart reports to prison

The Associated Press

ALDERSON, W.Va. — Martha Stewart reported to prison before sunrise Friday to begin serving a five-month sentence for lying about a stock sale, slipping unnoticed past waiting supporters and reporters.

The celebrity homemaker said on her Web site she was looking forward to returning to work in March and enjoying "many brighter days ahead."

Stewart, 63, was convicted last March of lying to investigators about why she sold stock in a biotech drug maker in December 2001, just before its price plunged.

She was allowed to remain free pending appeal but asked to begin serving her time anyway, saying she wanted to reclaim her life. "While I am away, my updates here will be less frequent, if not altogether impossible," Stewart said in a letter posted on her Web site. "But please know this change is only an unfortunate reflection of my current circumstances, and in no way diminishes my commitment to my life's work or to the

friends, colleagues, customers and supporters who make it possible."

Following her prison term, Stewart must serve five months of home confinement.

Like all new inmates, Stewart was photographed, fingerprinted and strip searched. Her personal items were inventoried, and said Traci Billingsley, a spokeswoman for the U.S. Bureau of Prisons in Washington.

She was issued clothing that includes khaki-colored trousers, a button-down shirt and black steel-toed boots, as well as a change of bedding and set of towels.

After being interviewed by prison staff and briefed on the institution's rules, new inmates undergo a two-week orientation, during which work assignments are made.

While in prison, Stewart will forgo five months of her \$900,000 yearly base pay from her company, Martha Stewart Living Omnimedia.

Behind bars, Stewart will be eligible for jobs that pay 12 cents to 40 cents an hour.

Mount St. Helens' lava dome is getting bigger

By GENE JOHNSON

The Associated Press

MOUNT ST. HELENS, Wash. — Part of the lava dome in Mount St. Helens' crater has risen 50 to 100 feet since Tuesday but earthquake activity remained low, indicating molten rock is moving upward with little resistance, scientists said.

The south side of the dome has been rising for the past week, about 250 feet so far, and is now nearly as tall as the dome's 1,000-foot summit, U.S. Geological Survey geologist Tom Pierson said Thursday.

Despite the swelling, scientists said there was no reason to raise the alert level around the 8,364-foot volcano.

At worst, an eruption could shoot ash 15 miles into the air or higher, but there is no indication that any eruption is imminent or that one would be powerful enough to threaten lives or property, said Larry Mastin, a USGS expert in the physics of volcano eruptions.

There's no way to tell when magma — molten rock — might reach the surface, USGS volcanologist Jake Lowenstein told a news conference at the Cascades Volcano Observatory in Vancouver, Wash.

Earthquake activity remained relatively low early Friday. On Thursday, the volcano occasionally vented steam as water trickled down onto hot rocks, Lowenstein said.

On Wednesday, scientists downgraded the "volcano alert" to a "volcano advisory," indicating the probability of a life-threatening eruption had decreased significantly since Saturday, when thousands of people were evacuated from the mountain.



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WASHINGTON — Ella Clarke Nuite, a 100-year-old Southern belle who still works at a water-bottling company, came to the capital this week to be honored for her persistence.

Experience Works, a training and employment service for older workers, named Nuite America's Oldest Worker of 2004, an award the organization has given since 1994. Experience Works, a training and employment service for older workers to represent each state, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico this week as part of its Prime Time Awards Program.



Nuite

The first woman and first Southerner to win, Nuite, of Hepzibah, Ga., near Augusta, is the owner and operator of Windsor Spring Water Co., which bottles and sells spring water. It was President William Howard Taft's favorite spring water.

Nuite doesn't hear well but otherwise is in good health. The mother of four, grandmother of eight

and great-grandmother of eight said she has been blessed with good health and a loving family.

"My parents told me work was a privilege and responsibility," Nuite said. "Idleness was the devil's workshop, so I have kept myself busy."

Ellen Walsh, president of Experience Works, said Nuite and other older workers like her are "inspirational and positive influences" for younger workers.

"We have long recognized the valuable contributions that older citizens have made and are continuing to make to our businesses, communities and our nation," she said. "Ability truly is ageless."

At the U.S. Department of

Labor, which helps fund training for older workers, Mason Bishop said Nuite had a varied career before inheriting the water company from her mother.

Bishop, a deputy assistant secretary of labor, said: "She held a number of positions, including census taker, postmistress and dietitian and dining manager for a conference center."

These days, Nuite handles bookkeeping, sells water and oversees water testing. In addition to her company duties, Nuite wakes up at 5 a.m. to eat a hot breakfast and feed her chickens and goats.

Charlotte Kitchin, 60, and Irene Lofton, 76, two of Nuite's daughters, came with her to Wash-

ington. The daughters, both retired and living near Columbia, S.C., said they are proud of their mother's work ethic.

"We take our vitamins every morning to keep up with her," Lofton said with a laugh.

The next item on Nuite's agenda will be to oversee the building of an alcoholism-treatment center on land she donated to her church. She wants the center to be directed by a recovering alcoholic, and she wants patients to help build cabins to stay in.

"If she were a little younger, she'd help build the cabins," Lofton said.

Kitchin said her mother's determination still surprises her.

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Parents sue over unequal custody laws

BY JOE MANDAK
The Associated Press

PITTSBURGH — John Chion lost custody of 6-year-old Andrew when he and his wife divorced. Now, father and son spend two weekends a month together and try to talk on the phone nearly every day.

"I hate it," Chion said of the limited contact. "He asks me all the time, 'When am I going to come over? When can I see you?'"

Chion, of Pittsburgh, contends some 25 million parents in the United States — 22 million fathers and 3 million mothers — are just like him, not allowed to live with their children because of unfair custody laws.

Last week, Chion became part of a nationwide effort to reform those statutes when he signed on as lead plaintiff in a federal lawsuit against the state of Pennsylvania.

Led by the Indiana Civil Rights Council, like-minded groups such as the American Coalition for Fathers and Children plan to sue all 50 states and U.S. territories. At least 40 suits have already been filed, according to the council.

The lawsuits use a wide range of constitutional grounds to argue that a child's natural parents both have an equal right to custody, but that right for one parent is too often trumped by a swell-sounding but ill-defined legal standard known as "the best interest of the child."

Generally, children's advocates and family lawyers say, courts find it is in the child's best interest to give physical custody to the primary caregiver. Living with one parent minimizes shutting a child — especially a younger one — between homes.

"As children progress (in maturity)

they're better able to handle those types of situations," said Chris Zawisz, director of the Child Advocacy Clinic at the University of Memphis Law School.

The lawsuits seek \$1 million in damages for any plaintiffs who may sign on to each class action, meaning the potential damages run into the trillions nationwide. But what the groups really want are changes in the laws, such as a bill being proposed for Pennsylvania by state Rep. Thomas Stevenson.

Stevenson's bill would set a "presumptive standard" that physical custody should be split 50-50 unless one parent can prove that there's a good reason for a different arrangement.

But many of the experts say legislating a 50-50 standard is a bad idea.

"This is one more attempt to say that

every case that goes into court should start with the assumption that it's 50-50 time — even if they haven't been putting in 50-50 time before that," said Lynne Gold-Bikin, a family law attorney and past chair of the American Bar Association's family law section. "And why do they want 50-50 custody? Some people want it because they know they can reduce the support they pay to their wives" as a result.

That may be, but advocates say it's discriminatory not to equally protect both parents' full rights until and unless the facts show that one parent has forfeited them.

"The many are suffering because of the reputation of a few — the deadbeat dads and deadbeat moms," said Torm Howse, president of the Indiana Civil Rights Council. "Each parent has certain rights and the states have been taking away the rights of one parent."

Mother who left kids in Nigeria gives up rights

BY PAM EASTON
The Associated Press

HOUSTON — An adoptive mother whose seven children were found abandoned at a squalid orphanage in Nigeria gave up custody of the kids Thursday.

Mercury Liggins "does have a love" for the children, but realized that the family "was too fractured to ever go back together," said her lawyer, Michael Delaney.

He said that after speaking with advocates hired to help the children, ages 8 to 17, it became apparent that "the gulf between the kids and Ms. Liggins is wider than we had originally thought."

"Even if she sleeps the children legally, there is not going to be a happy home for them," Delaney said.

The children, some of them sick and malnourished, were discovered in August at a Nigerian orphanage by an American mis-

sionary who learned they were from Houston and wanted to go home. The church's pastor told two congressmen, and arrangements were made to return them to Texas.

Liggins said she trusted her brother-in-law to care for the children in Nigeria in October 2003 while she took a job in Iraq, working for Houston-based Halliburton subsidiary. But the relative took the money, and the children were kicked out of boarding school and put in the orphanage, Liggins said.

After returning to the United States, the youngsters alleged Liggins had taken them physically and emotionally before they were left in Africa. They remain in state custody in two foster homes. Judge Sherry Van Pelt likely will decide sometime this month whether to accept the agreement to give up custody, said the children's attorney, Terry Lea Elizondo.

No ruling in candy bar arrest

BY DERRILL HOLLY
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A woman who was handcuffed and jailed for eating a candy bar on a subway station escalator got her day in court Thursday, but got little satisfaction.

Stephanie Willett, 45, was eating a Pay Day bar on a Metro Center station escalator July 16, and received a warning from Metro Transit Police Officer C. Curry Hagler not to eat on transit system property. She stuffed the last bite into her mouth as she approached the turnstile.

After another officer cautioned her, Willett said Hagler warned her she would be arrested if she continued eating. When Willett responded by telling Hagler she should "go looking for real crime," Willett was detained, searched, handcuffed and arrested.

After three hours in jail, the mother of two from Bowie, Md., paid \$10 to be released.

"Once you post and forfeit (bond), that's the end of the matter," Magistrate Judge Richard H. Ringell told her Thursday.

Ringell said he could sympathize, but had no authority to rule.

The forfeiture means Willett — who works at the Environmental Protection Agency — has neither admitted guilt nor been convicted.

She has a year to request that the forfeiture be set aside, clearing the way for a trial.

It was the latest incident to raise questions about Metro Transit Police.

In 2000, a 12-year-old girl was arrested for eating a french fry on a subway platform. In 2002, a wheelchair-bound rider was ticketed for using profanity when he could not find a working elevator to exit the system. In September, an officer forced a pregnant woman to the ground, saying she was talking too loudly on a cellular telephone.

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Trioblends old, new on latest CD

BY BRIAN BOWERS
Stars and Stripes

Worship music is all about lifting voices in praise, and Phillips, Craig and Dean seem to know exactly how to make the lifting easy.

The trio just released its third installment of a worship trilogy that's designed to get the faithful singing. "Let the Worshipers Arise" includes a few new songs but concentrates on presenting new versions of already-popular music.

"From the outset we wanted people to hear songs that ... are familiar and they can hear our interpretation of these songs," said Dan Dean, who joins with Randy Phillips and Shawn Craig to form the group known for its blend of harmonies and upbeat adult-contemporary style.

"We haven't selected as many original songs because we want people to sing along," Dean said.

To come up with its mix, the group checked the stats on which songs are most popular in contemporary worship services. If contemporary were singing it, they wanted to record it, said Dean, who's also pastor of Christ Temple in Irving, Texas.

As a result, we hear new versions of "You Are God Alone," "In Christ Alone," "My Redeemer Lives" and "Making Melody" that contain fresh bursts of energy. And the disc opens with "Friend of God," a song that isn't as familiar but is likely to gain popularity.

One of the disc's new songs is the title track, written by Michael Ferrin and discovered during a contest on Phillips' local TV show.

"Man, we fell in love with the song," Dean said. "I hear a lot of passion in that song." The soaring vocals in "Let the Worshipers Arise" embody the philosophy be-



From left, Shawn Craig, Dan Dean and Randy Phillips of Phillips, Craig and Dean.

hind the disc — whole-hearted praise.

If some of the performances exhibit extra energy, it may be because of the trials Dean and his wife, Becky, experienced during the disc's development.

A car accident broke Becky's neck and left her bedridden for about three months. "Because God helped us, she didn't experience any paralysis," Dean said. That struggle worked to strengthen the couple's faith.

"When people are going through difficult times one of the greatest issues is an issue of trust," Dean said. "When something like this happens you start thinking: 'Why did this happen?' ... Yet in the middle of this you reach a point where you say, 'God, I don't know what this has happened but I trust you.' ... Trust God. He will help you through difficult situations in life."

The feelings generated by this struggle carried over to the new CD. "The passion with which I sang on this album was definitely influenced" by the difficulties, he said.

A final note: Dean was eager to express his support for U.S. troops.

"I have a real special place in my heart for the military. ... My father is a disabled veteran in World War II," he said. "These guys love their country and really sacrificed," the singer said.

Today's Praise is a roundup of news and reviews from the contemporary Christian music industry.

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Megachurch taking over basketball team's old arena

BY BOBBY ROSS JR.
The Associated Press

HOUSTON — On their first date, Joel Osteen and his future bride, Victoria, went out to watch a Houston Rockets basketball game at the team's home, then called The Summit.

Two decades later, the fast-growing megachurch that Osteen pastors is spending \$78 million to turn the Rockets' former arena — later renamed the Compaq Center — into its new spiritual home, with 16,000 seats, two waterfalls and plenty of television cameras for Lakewood Church's national broadcast services.

The 41-year-old minister chuckles at the coincidence as he stands in the arena where true love was born and where he predicts as many as 100,000 people will someday worship every weekend.

"God's got a sense of humor," Osteen said, talking over the buzz of heavy machinery transforming locker rooms into children's classrooms. "I never dreamed as a kid that this would be our place."

In fact, Osteen never dreamed he would be a preacher — much less one leading the Protestant church ranked as the nation's largest in a study by Church Growth Today, based in Bolivar, Mo.

Osteen took over as Lakewood's senior pastor five years ago — on Oct. 3, 1999 — after his father, John Osteen, died at age 77. The elder Osteen founded the charismatic Christian church in an abandoned feed store in 1959.

Over the next 40 years, Lakewood grew to average Sunday attendance of about 6,000 in its 7,800-seat sanctuary. The new facility, expected to open next summer, will more than double the seating capacity.

These days, the man nicknamed "The Smiling Preacher" is everywhere, it seems.

Flip through the cable channels on Sunday and he's hard to miss, with ABC Family, Black Entertainment Television, Discovery Channel, Turner Broadcasting and PAX among the national networks that air his program.

His first book, "Your Best Life

Now," published by Warner Faith, hits stores this month and sold 130,000 copies in advance.

And he's taking his sermons and Lakewood's choir on a national road tour. Already, he has preached to packed arenas in Atlanta and Anaheim, Calif., and he will be at New York's Madison Square Garden on Oct. 21-22.

Surprisingly, Osteen had never preached — and never had the desire, he says — until the Sunday before his dad died in January 1999.

"I liked to be behind the scenes," said Osteen, who left his studies at Oral Roberts University in Tulsa, Okla., in 1982 and joined his father's staff as a television producer. "My heart was the production and the editing and things like that."

But when his father was hospitalized, he reluctantly stepped to the pulpit. His dad listened to the sermon by telephone from his hospital bed.

Since then, Lakewood has expanded to four English services each weekend and added a Spanish service — preached by a different pastor.



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Bush's stand is clear

In the Associated Press "On the Issues" graphic in the Sept. 29 front page, President Bush and Sen. John Kerry were asked if they believed girls should be required to tell parents before having an abortion. The president made his position quite clear (he does support a law). Like he is doing on other issues to hide his liberal leanings, Kerry sidestepped and danced his way around the question. After a feed-good start to the question, he goes on about an extreme situation where the fetus is the result of incest and that to notify the parent would force the minor daughter to "ask the rapist for permission in making a difficult and heart-rending choice."

If, God forbid, a minor is raped by her father and becomes pregnant, a parental notification law would not be an issue. It is probably more likely that the girl would be subjected to further abuse because she could go get an abortion and not have to worry about the father (and sadly, the authorities) knowing of the circumstances, thus lengthening the abuse.

The whole question is really moot because activist liberal judges overturn these laws with one ruling (sometimes Kerry would ensure continues through his judicial nominations). Kerry does not support a minor abortion parental notification law but cannot come out and say that because he will lose votes.

On the war in Iraq and the war on terrorism (which are really the same issue), late-term abortion, homosexual marriage, tax cuts, and gun control among others, Bush has quite clearly stated where he stands. Kerry, on the other hand, because he cannot win on his liberal views, must mask his true feelings on what he will do if elected president.

Petty Officer 1st Class Ralph Williams
Camp Victory, Iraq

Need healthy food choices

According to its Web site, the AAFES vision is to be "a valued benefit to the military community by... The Army and the Force Exchange Service wants the military community to believe that it provides services to benefit our lives. Fundamental

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ly, I find no fault in this claim. However, I find one area of AAFES services to be completely contrary to benefiting anyone's lives.

Take a trip to a food court and check out the options for your family's lunch or dinner. The regular food chains include Anthony's, Baskin-Robbins, Burger King, Charley's Steakery, Popeyes, Robin Hood, Subway, Taco Bell and a few others. Certainly some of the healthier options are a great choice for those interested in a nutritious diet, but the reality is that we're mostly limited to fattening, unhealthy, junk food.

The result is an alarming number of overweight wives and children. As a matter of fact, the number of overweight servicemen is equally alarming.

As a person who aims for healthy living, but whose service doesn't make healthy home-cooked meals easy, I'd like to see more health-food options in our food courts. Why should the increasing number of military members who care about living a healthy life through healthy eating be limited to AAFES's cheeseburgers, pizza, tacos, ice cream and fried chicken? AAFES and its concessions continue to

make a profit on the military family, while the military family continues to become fat.

To those readers who find fault in my argument: I understand AAFES selects food concessions based on surveys. AAFES gives the military family what the military family wants to eat. However, had I written that the problem was lethargic, overweight military families who contribute to excessive Medicare costs due to obesity and associated health problems, there would have been little chance of you reading this.

Staff Sgt. Franklin Barrett
Landstuhl, Germany

Must-read for the desert

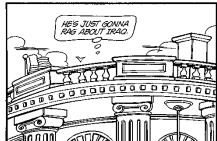
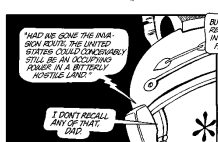
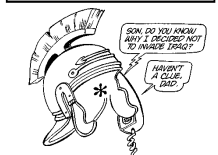
Desert guerrilla warfare. Culture clash. Political hegemony. It's all in "Seven Pillars of Wisdom" by T.E. Lawrence, an interesting preview of our current conflict in Iraq. Written in the aftermath of World War I, the book describes Britain's war against the Ottoman Empire in Saudi Arabia. Largely successful, the war was fought on terms favorable to the British because they were able to use an indigenous army.

Lawrence made up for his personal eccentricities with a wildly successful campaign in the desert made possible by the uncanny ability of the British to understand the culture and need for a low-cost offensive against the Turks. Is the book relevant to present-day insurgencies? Certainly.

Lawrence — also known as Lawrence of Arabia — was a master of Arabic and the delicate politics of tribal warfare. Many pages of his book are devoted to the painstaking political and military negotiations he had with the British Empire and the warring Saudi tribal factions. This book is a must-read for contemporary military leaders currently deployed in Arabic cultures, but it is not for the squeamish. "Seven Pillars" remains as controversial as it was when published in 1921.

The book has earned its place as one of the great classics of the 20th century, and Lawrence, as Sir Winston Churchill remarked, was one of its greatest persons.

Sgt. Christopher Wood
Hama, Germany



OPINION

What newspapers are saying at home

The following editorial excerpts are selected from a cross section of newspapers throughout the United States. The editorials are provided by The Associated Press and other stateside syndicates.

Sen. Edwards holds court
Los Angeles Times

To assist Tuesday's vice presidential debate, you must filter out Sen. John Edwards' expertise at skills that have little relevance to running the country. Edwards is one dynamic debater, and no doubt would be as impressive in a debate against Osama bin Laden as he was against Vice President Dick Cheney. ... Cheney mocked John Kerry's strategy for Iraq as more of an echo than a plan, and indeed Edwards was unimpressed that his tick offered a significantly different approach for ensuring a successful endgame there. Cheney skewered Kerry's shifting positions on Iraq, dating back to the senator's ill-advised vote against the Gulf War in 1991. ...

But as a spectator sport, the second half of the debate was less satisfying, if only because the more skilled litigator had the easier case to make. It would have been fun to watch what Edwards could have done with Cheney's brief.

Bremer day late, dollar short
The Baltimore Sun

The United States should have had more troops in Iraq after the fall of Baghdad to establish order and prevent looting, says L. Paul Bremer, who had just shown up in the Green Zone back in May 2003 to take charge of the place as American administrator. He now says he wishes he had argued that point more forcefully.

This isn't exactly a brilliant new insight. Plenty of people were saying exactly that at the time, as crowds ransacked offices, stores, museums, banks, oil rigs, weapons depots and nuclear power plants.

Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld called it the excesses of democracy, but Iraqis lost faith in America at that moment. Yet the public blame game isn't new. Army Chief of Staff Gen. Eric K. Shinseki for having the temerity to say that a bigger armed force would be needed, it was clear as day that this opinion was politically incorrect in the Bush administration — and nothing was going to change that.

Dres Bremer, who compounded the blunder by abandoning the Iraqi army soon after he arrived, get points now for speaking out? We don't think so. ...

[We think Bremer got it exactly wrong. What there had been no American troops in Iraq in May 2003? Wouldn't the United States today be a lot better off?

Kerry's clarity is 'certain'
The Tuscaloosa (Ala.) News

The initial presidential debate came as a pleasant surprise in a dirty campaign season that has been short on substance. There was plenty of substance (Sept. 30) — more than anyone tired of canards about flip-flops and nifty misadventures may have expected. Moreover, there was a remarkable degree of civility — no space invasion, no character assassination, no incoherent tirades.

That was a welcome relief as well. The encounter was all of that, was not dry. Neither was it a draw.

Overall, John Kerry made a better showing than President Bush, though each man made a credible case. It's a statement of the views that divide them. ...

Bush, much stronger at the debate podium than he was four years ago, effectively shut back at Kerry's inconsistencies and what he characterized as a lack of resolution. ...

Yet Kerry had a telling observation on that. It's one thing to be certain, but you can be certain and be wrong. It's another thing to be certain and be right or be certain



"...I WARNED YOU NOT TO WATCH ALL THAT POST-DEBATE SPIN..."

and moving in the right direction or be certain about a principle and then learn new facts and that those new facts and put them to use in order to change and get your policy right."

Never in the evening was there a clearer dividing line drawn between the candidates.

Ballot still beats bullet
Chicago Tribune

Almost exactly three years ago, the United States and its allies began bombing the Taliban regime in Afghanistan. At the time, Americans heard a drumbeat of ominous predictions of military catastrophe.

Some self-anointed experts feared that America would be mired in an unwinnable war against an enemy that hid in caves and moved easily among Afghan civilians.

In 2001, Afghanistan offered a glimpse back in time. ... It was a place as isolated and backward as any on Earth. ...

From this rubble and darkness has emerged a country, still fragile and often violent to be sure. But it is a country that, more than any other, now symbolizes the power of democracy to shape the dreams and destiny of a people. ...

An election will not guarantee the survival of Afghan society. But without elections, there is no chance of all.

Saturday millions of voters flocked to polls, regardless of the dangers. They exercised their most fundamental right in a country where democracy was barely imagined for decades. With that, they joined more than 100 other countries around the world that have discovered the power and majesty of democracy in the last century.

Tough to lick low-carb craze
The Columbian, Vancouver, Wash.

We have been made aware that the Twinkie has been placed on the Endangered Carbohydrates List. The listing includes a variety of high-carb, sugar-loaded victims of the current low-carb diet craze.

The maker of Twinkies, Interstate Bakeries Corp., vows Twinkie survival, however. Its Endangered Carbohydrate Act of sorts includes Chapter 11 reorganization and the installation of new management. The company and outside food analysts blame the endangered status of baked goods on the high-protein ways of today's consumers. ...

The government, which aids faltering airlines and subsidizes rail travel, may even want to consider a Twinkie bailout. After all,

our economy and well-being depend on the freedom to eat fat-inducing foods. And the Twinkie is a heavenly, though unwholesome, slice of Americana. It was created as a Depression-era treat, bringing happiness to the masses.

Adding Twinkie the kid to the unemployment rolls also would be unfortunate. He is just 33 years old and still good with his lasso, but his three creme-filling birthmarks have made it difficult for him to find other work.

If still unconvinced that the Twinkie is worth saving, consider that when Twinkies suffer, many industries suffer. Five-hundred million Twinkies are made each year. That takes 8 million pounds of sugar, 7 million pounds of flour and 1 million eggs.

Can Fla. keep pace on space?
Florida Today, Melbourne

Cape Canaveral space boosters may have that feeling of doom today following Monday's historic flight of SpaceShipOne, a private rocket that reached space for the second time in five days. ...

Why the foreboding at the Cape? Because SpaceShipOne's mission began and ended in the high desert of Mojave, Calif. — where (designer Burt) Rutan's Mojave Aerospace Ventures Team is based — and not from the storied piece of sand jutting into the Atlantic in Brevard County. ...

The action is in California — not Florida — and every day that remains the case is another day that a potentially vital part of Cape Canaveral's future is being squandered. We've seen this coming for several years, and previously urged Gov. Jeb Bush to call a summit and move fast to open the door at Cape Canaveral by making it a business-friendly place for space tourism companies to set up shop. ...

This issue is an unmistakable case of who hesitates being lost. And right now Florida and Cape Canaveral are lost — big time.

Intel legislation has issues
The Daily Nonpareil, Council Bluffs, Iowa

Shortly after the 9/11 commission issued its recommendations for intelligence reform, Congress knocked off work for the rest of the summer only to return to a legislative calendar, foreshortened by the November election, that was — and still is — jammed with stuff the lawmakers must do. ...

But they don't want to return to the voters unless they can say they've "done something" about intelligence reform.

What the Senate did is pretty much take up the commission's recommendations intact, principally its proposal for a powerful national intelligence director with full authority over 80 percent of the intelligence budget and hiring and firing authority over most of the 15 intelligence agencies.

But the House bill has much else besides. How much else is hard to tell, the Democrats complain, because the bill was drawn up largely in secret.

And, as happens with large bills, odd, unexplained bits keep cropping up. One provision, spotted only at the last minute, was a two-paragraph change that would allow the president to bar federal workers engaged in "homeland security" from joining unions or bargaining with their agencies. ...

It's a safe bet that when the House bill makes it to the floor, many of the members won't know what they're voting on. ...

Government might operate that way in an election year, but it shouldn't.

Honor only fair Iraq election
The Buffalo (N.Y.) News

There is absolutely no reason to believe the promised January election in Iraq will be free of violence, fully nationwide and deeply embraced by all Iraqis. It is likely to be deeply flawed, and that poses a huge risk for America.

But there is an even greater risk in not holding this election.

Calling off the vote would bolster the cause of insurgency, fuel coalition forces even more convincingly to Iraqis and the Arab world as long-term occupiers and political hypocrites and condemn the interim government and its citizenry to chaos.

In much of the Arab world, including Iraq, there is widespread belief that the United States will not accept any election that is not favorable to it. Conspiracy theories abound, and whether they involve Iraqi oil or permanent American military bases are founded on that fear. The only answer is the development of an Iraqi government that most Iraqis see as legitimate and reasonably independent, and that depends upon developing good elections.

Whether this first election is flawed or not, and whether or not it installs a leader favorable to Washington, only an internationally recognized breakdown in the electoral process should keep America from accepting it. That is the risk of elections, but it is a risk that democracy demands and America has promised.

Toeing the party line

KY LOUISVILLE — A Kentucky congressional candidate copied his answers to an AARP survey from materials distributed by the National Republican Congressional Committee, his spokesman says.

Geoff Davis submitted answers identical to those of at least five GOP candidates from California, Florida, Nebraska and Georgia, to questions about Social Security, health-care costs and prescription drugs.

"We didn't see anything that we disagreed with," said spokesman Justin Brasell, adding that Davis had received permission to use the material which was posted online as part of the AARP's voter guides.

Democratic candidate, former TV personality Nick Clooney, said through a spokesman that Davis apparently missed the point of the "honor code" at West Point, Davis' alma mater.

Head of the opposition

IN BEDFORD — Kerra Fowler said it's opposition to President Bush has gone to her head, thanks to the highest bidder.

She offered up an eBay her shaved skull for an anti-Bush message and received a tattoo of a large W with a cowboy hat and a red slash after a bid of \$103.50.

The 29-year-old mother of four said she placed her ad with an opening bid of a penny after seeing two others offering to sell head space for tattoos backing Democratic candidate John Kerry.

"One wanted 10 grand and the other, \$30,000," she said. "So I thought, that isn't right, to say you believe in something and then charge \$30,000. I thought that was audacious."

Fowler said the winning bidder asked her not to get the tattoo.

Fowler accepted the money, gave half to the tattoo artist and used the rest to pay part of a bill, buy a gift for her children and beer.

Upscale beef

PA PHILADELPHIA — The additional, additional cheesesteak has gone precipitously upscale at one new restaurant, where the chopped steak and melted cheese standard includes goose liver and truffles — and costs \$100.

Barclay Prime owner Stephen Starr admits the haute cheesesteak is a marketing ploy for his steakhouse, which opened Tuesday. And he thinks it'll sell.

Served with a small bottle of champagne, Barclay Prime's cheesesteak is made of sliced Kobe beef, melted Taleggio cheese, shaved truffles, sautéed foie gras, caramelized onions and heirloom shaved tomatoes on a homemade brioche roll brushed with truffle butter and squirted with homemade mustard.

Interstate child support

CO DENVER — The state Supreme Court cleared the way for a Pueblo woman to seek child support from a man in Texas. The court said since Susan Malwitz left her common-law husband over domestic violence concerns, she could sue in Colorado. The father's lawyer said now any out-of-state woman could sue based on "filmy" domestic violence charges.



AMERICAN ROUNDUP

Oswald site may open

TX DALLAS — The city may eventually make the site where Lee Harvey Oswald was shot to death in the basement of the former Dallas police headquarters open to the public.

In the famous photo taken of the shooting, the accused assassin of President John F. Kennedy is seen bucking against a bullet fired by Dallas nightclub owner Jack Ruby. But the site has been closed to the public for decades.

With plans in the works to redevelop the old City Hall complex, visitors may be able to go to the gloomy basement sally port in two or three years. They also may be able to visit the fifth-floor jail cell where Oswald and later Ruby were held in 1963.

"It's been a site people have been interested in for years," interim City Manager Mary Suhm told The Dallas Morning News for its Wednesday editions. "We need to be sure to facilitate those who want to see it. It completes the history."

House of words

MS BILOXI — A California investor has paid \$820,000 at auction for a Biloxi home named for Civil War chaplain Abraham J. Ryan, who was known as the poet laureate of the Confederacy.

The previous owners, Dr. Jefferson McKenney and Rosanne McKenney, are missionaries in Honduras.

Funds raised from the sale were to be invested in Honduras in Loma de Luz, which the McKenneys founded in that country.

The property, which the McKenneys bought in 1989, is one of Biloxi's best-known landmarks because of the tall palm tree that grows through its front steps. The house was built in 1840 and 1841 by Judge W.C. Wade but is named after a later tenant.

Ryan, who died in 1886, became a folk hero of the post-Civil War period with his poetry admired in both the North and the South. A collection of his work published in 1879 went through 40 editions and earned as much as \$1.6 million before 1920.

Better than a 401k

CT BRIDGEPORT — An aging, cancer-stricken mobster planned to rob and kill a cocaine dealer and kidnap the son of a businessman to shore up his retirement," prosecutors said.

Recovering from heart surgery and suffering from colon cancer, 71-year-old Victor Riccitelli went to court Tuesday seeking his release on bail while he awaits trial on racketeering charges.

However, U.S. Magistrate Judge Holly Fitzsimmons ordered him held without bail after prosecutors, who allege Riccitelli is a member of the New York-based Gambino crime family, played audio tapes they said showed him to be violent and too dangerous to release.

In one conversation with another man, prosecutors said, Riccitelli outlined a plan to kill a drug dealer and steal his cocaine stash. "That'll be our (expletive) retirement!" Riccitelli said on the recording.

Not quite licensed

TX DALLAS — A man arrested for allegedly posing as a doctor offered free gynecological services and set up an office in a self-storage complex, authorities said.

The room looked like a real medical office, with numerous pieces of medical equipment, said Bridget Eyster, an assistant district attorney for Dallas County. Three women who reported their visits to the man's office were reluctant to discuss details, the prosecutor's office said.

Thomas Patrick Remo, 50, remained in custody Wednesday in lieu of \$7,500 bond on three counts of practicing medicine without a license. He used the names Dr. Jim Patrick and Dr. Brian Jones and his office was in Cedar Hill, Eyster said.

Long wait for rescue

OH PORTSMOUTH — A man who fell from a bridge and then spent 2½ days stuck in mud on a riverbank was rescued Tuesday evening, authorities said.

William Purdy, 50, who has Parkinson's disease, had been missing since Saturday morning, his family said. Passers-by spotted him near the bridge on the edge of town where few people go walking.

It took rescuers about an hour to free Purdy, who was "cold, talking and tickled and didn't know someone found him," Portsmouth Police Detective Lynn Brewer said.



A really big pumpkin

Students from Jefferson Park Elementary School in Clinton, Mo., rush over to get a closer view of the large 512-pound Atlantic gigantic pumpkin at the Johnson Plants & Pumpkins Farms in Kansas City, Mo. This is the largest pumpkin grown at the Johnson farm this year.



Bright lights, big city

As a storm front moved into Austin, Texas, the city skyline lit up as multiple strikes hit some of the tallest buildings.



Birds of a feather

Pelicans have begun migrating through Iowa in recent weeks, a bit earlier than usual because of wet, cold nesting conditions in Canada. Here, a flock huddles on the Des Moines River below the Scott Street dam in Des Moines.

Keeping fit

Alicia Taylor-Byers walks along the Delaware and Raritan Canal in Princeton, N.J.



Vegas showgirls The Encore Dancers perform for Judge Ray Desmond during auditions for the Las Vegas Senior Idol competition at the Las Vegas Senior Center. The audition attracted approximately 60 contestants, 20 of whom will advance to the Senior Idol competition in November.



Swing state Olivia Morgan, 4, right, joins Phoenicia Jones, 7, on the swings in East Tupelo, Miss.



Up, up and away A Russian Thunder Yak-54, flown by Eric Beard, performs stunts at the Inyo Kern County Air Show and Aerospace and Science Expo.



Fall in Pennsylvania A lone horse eats grass in a field as the fall trees glow in the background in Indiana County, Pa.

Pet probation

VT BRATTLEBORO — A Marlboro woman convicted of neglecting domesticated animals could be prohibited from owning pets for nearly two years.

A jury convicted Michelle Eldredge, 36, late last week after spending more than four hours of deliberation. Jurors heard evidence during a two-day trial. Judge John P. Wesley sentenced Eldredge to five to six months, but suspended the prison time.

While serving her sentence, Eldredge was ordered not to possess animals, unless permitted by her probation officer.

Sue Caviola, shelter manger and humane officer at the Windham County Humane Society, investigated a neighbor's complaint that Eldredge had a host of malnourished animals. Upon further investigation with Windham County Sheriff's deputies, Caviola uncovered the partially decomposed carcasses of two goats and a rabbit and eight greyhounds, one husky, four cats and a goat, which all appeared to be suffering from severe neglect and malnutrition.

Cop's had misfire

FL FORT LAUDERDALE — A police officer grievously wounded last month after responding to an early morning disturbance was shot by his partner, officials said Tuesday.

Officer William McGarry remains unconscious and on a ventilator from his wounds.

His partner, Officer Stevens Gelu, fired his 9mm handgun three to five times, aiming for the suspect, who wasn't hit, said police spokesman Sgt. Andy Pallen.

Gelu hasn't been charged and the case was turned over to the Broward State Attorney's Office, The Miami Herald reported. Police said earlier that Gelu might have shot his partner by accident.

The suspect was charged with aggravated assault for waving his gun at a police officer.

Assault over animals

HI WAILUKU — A local comedian was acquitted of felony charges that he assaulted and threatened animal-control officers at his Maui home last year.

Shawn Kaul Hill, 38, was accused of assaulting the two officers last November when they went to his home in Kula to impound his five dogs after Hill stopped payment on a \$100 check to pay for their licenses.

Hill, who's better known as comedian Bu La'ia, is running for the Office of Hawaiian Affairs in the Nov. 2 election.

Maui Humane Society officials said Monday's acquittal raises questions.

Hill was acquitted in August of charges he abused his wife in January.

Unauthorized handgun

CA LOS ANGELES — The police department's anti-terrorism chief was not authorized to carry the type of handgun that airport authorities seized during a routine search of his baggage last month, police said.

John Miller, an ABC-TV reporter before he was hired for the security job, was off duty and traveling

to New York to tape a farewell message for Barbara Walters, his retiring former "20/20" co-host, when officials discovered a .38-caliber Smith & Wesson handgun in his bag.

Miller told officials he forgot the gun was in his bag and he was allowed to continue to New York without the weapon. But police said Friday that Miller was not authorized to carry the Smith & Wesson because of a paperwork error.

Police spokeswoman Sgt. Catherine Plows said the paperwork glitch would soon be fixed up, and police are continuing to investigate. Federal authorities are also investigating.

Name change rejected

AZ PHOENIX — Arizona's board that picks names for geographic landmarks unanimously rejected a proposal Wednesday to change Lake Powell's name to Glen Canyon Reservoir.

The Colorado woman who proposed the change said the lake's name is misleading because it gives the impression that the man-made reservoir is a natural body of water. The lake, formed by a dam on the Colorado River, straddles the Arizona-Utah line.

Opponents said the proposal was the first step in trying to decommission Glen Canyon Dam and drain Lake Powell, a prospect that they said could affect water supplies in several western states.

Slicing prediction

NV RENO — The margin of error in the latest presidential poll is pretty wide — about 50 yards wide.

Golfers in northern Nevada have been recording their slices — left and right — as part of a very unscientific attempt to predict the outcome of the November election.

More than a dozen sports and travel writers played two holes at nine courses Tuesday, taking care to chart how many of their shots sliced to the right and how many hooked to the left.

If the final results are any indication of the real election, spokesman Phil Weidinger said, the Kerry-Edwards ticket will ride to the White House on the strength of the left-leaning trend that was evident at the promotional event.

Caught on camera phone

TN NASHVILLE — Thanks to a quick-thinking robbery victim and his camera phone, police had a photo of his alleged assailant and tracked him down in 10 minutes, police said.

James Robert Barker was in custody on charges of aggravated robbery after allegedly holding up limousine driver Ismael Miranda early Friday at a car wash, police said.

Miranda was cleaning his limousine at the car wash when a red pickup truck pulled in and parked in a wash bay. The pickup's driver, later identified as Barker, made small talk before pulling a knife and demanding Miranda's money.

Barker chased Miranda, threw a garbage can at him and fled. But not before an alert Miranda snapped a photo of Barker and his getaway truck using a camera phone, police said.

Stories and photos from The Associated Press

YOUR MONEY

Paperwork

Keeping estate files organized will reduce stress to families

Susie Besaw, from the book "The Savvy Sailor's Spouse," is new to the military life but is eager to learn more about how to manage her family and her new lifestyle through the monthly Family Readiness Group meetings of her husband, Jake's, new command. Last week Cmdr. Brown talked about estate planning.

After we returned from the break, the commander continued, "Tonight we have talked about the importance of having your personal property and paperwork organized and the need to have a will, durable power of attorney and medical directive. Now, let's talk about the specific duties of an executor during the probate process and how you can help your executor now."

Brown handed out papers to the front row to be passed back and then discussed each item.

"Your family may hire an estate lawyer to be your executor or to help your executor. Even if a lawyer does the work, your family will still need to be kept informed so everything is done properly."

"Do your homework now so your loved ones can focus on recovering from your loss rather than organizing all your stuff."

"What about figuring out all your government death benefits in advance?" a petty officer asked. "Can you be more specific?"

"Yes," Brown replied. "There are several things you can do now to help your executor claim your family's government death benefits."

He gave another stack of papers to the front row of the class to pass back.

"As you can see, it takes a tremendous amount of effort to claim your government benefits after you die. That is why it is important to organize as much as you can now — especially where your family will live once you are gone."

"Find out now who to call at the VA, Social Security offices, DFAS and Tricare for your government benefits. Thinking ahead is important to give your family that extra sense of security."

Finally, take the time to make a sheet with all the contact info and add it to your personal binder.

"That's about all I have. Any questions?"

Everyone was silent for several seconds.

Evelyn stood up and said, "Thank you, Commander. That was excellent."

Everyone began to applaud. The commander nodded in appreciation and then walked out after gathering his notes.

Evelyn completed the agenda for the meeting with her normal efficiency. I didn't stay too long to socialize. I wanted to go home and talk to Jake about all these benefits and required paperwork.

It was clear we had to be prepared if something went wrong.

Next week Susie learns about Tricare.

Copies of Ralph Nelson's books — "The Savvy Sailor" and "The Savvy Naval Officer" — can be purchased by writing to Master Plan Inc., 500 K. Washington St., P.O. Box 10071, Rockville, MD 20849 or online at www.savvyonweb.com. This article is written and the book is sold with the understanding that neither the author nor Stars and Stripes are professional financial advisers. If you need advice, please seek professional assistance. The author speaks of using or applying any of the information contained in this article or the book. Email for feedback is: finances@stripes.osd.mil

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Ralph Nelson

What you can do now to minimize the stress on your executor after you're gone

What executor has to do for the probate process

Before probate process

Support family members, dependent children
Protect and preserve estate assets
Arrange the funeral
Notify relatives and friends

Probating will

File will with county probate court
Executor validated and appointed

Assembling the estate property

Locate key paperwork
Review safe deposit box
Claim life insurance and government benefits

Managing the estate

Open estate checking account
Move all bank and investment accounts
Value of all estate assets at time of death
Manage or sell any businesses

Payment of debts and taxes

Advertise in local newspaper for creditors
Pay debts and other claims
File final tax returns and pay taxes due

Distribute the remaining estate

Prepare accounting for the probate court
Distribute the assets and order receipts
Discharge from the court

And what you can do to help your executor now

Pick successive guardians for your children
Label keys to cars and homes
Spell out your specific funeral wishes
Make a list of who should be notified

Let executor know location of original will
Properly witnessed will, successive executors

Personal property, paperwork binders
Make list of contents and give to executor
Figure out in advance and order forms

Maintain organized bank and investment account records
Up-to-date personal property inventory
Write down any business information

Keep list of people you owe anything to
Minimize your debts
Walk through final federal and state forms

SOURCE: RALPH NELSON

GRAPHICS BY STARS AND STRIPES

What you can do now to minimize the stress on your family after you're gone

Before probate

Funeral/burial/headstone

Death gratuity

Final pay

Social Security lump sum

During probate

Taxes

Life Insurance (SGLI)

Thrift Savings Plan

Request information from Department of Veterans Affairs Office.
Review a copy of DD Form 397, Claim Certification and Voucher for Death Gratuity Payment.

Order Defense Finance & Accounting Service forms and find procedures.
Get the phone number for the local Social Security office.

Review excludable death allowances — burial, gratuity and travel.
Confirm proper beneficiary. Get claims form 8283, Claim for Death Benefits (SGLVGLI), from Office of Servicemans' Group Life Insurance.
Make sure there is a valid Form TSP-3, Designation of Beneficiary, as on file with the TSP record keeper. Fill out rough Form TSP-17.

Post probate

Social Security survivor payments

Dependency indemnity compensation (DIC)

Housing and relocation

VA educational benefits

Health care

Commissary and Exchange

Order a Social Security benefits statement from www.socialsecurity.gov/mystatement. Review form SVB1.
Get VA Form 21-534 and draft a cover letter to the Department of Veterans Affairs Office serving your area. Find out monthly entitlement.

Determine where your family will live if you are not around. Go to the base transportation office for details to move there.

Request information from Department of Veterans Affairs Office serving your area on Dependents' Educational Assistance Program.
Get forms/benefits from your local Tricare office.

You will need IDs for all family members to use these services.
Request Form DD 1172 from nearest Uniform Service facility if you don't.

On-demand video games: Good idea, bad choices

BY MATT SLAGLE

The Associated Press

Internet downloads are nothing new when it comes to buying music and software online.

So why does video game shopping still mostly involve either shipping to a store or waiting for the delivery truck after you order online? Three companies — Comcast Corp., N Entertainment, Inc. and Yahoo Inc. — have apparently heard the pleas of impatient gamers who want video games on demand.

If you have a broadband Internet connection and you can tolerate the relatively out-

dated selection, these services pretty much work as advertised. They deliver commercial games directly to your personal computer in a matter of minutes or hours.

For now, only computer games are available, so you can't download new games for the PlayStation 2, Xbox or GameCube consoles. And remember, you won't get a printed manual, the box or the CD-ROMs.

I was most impressed with IGN's new "Direct2Drive." It's the only service that lets you — gasp! — buy and own the games.

Compared to my local software store, though, these digital aisles were sparse. There were only 31 games to choose from,

including the stealthy "Thief: Deadly Shadows" and "Myst III: Exile." Good stuff, but nothing new like "The Sims 2."

At least Direct2Drive provides a good overview of the game, complete with screen shots and reviews.

I went ahead and bought the WWII combat flight simulator "IL-2 Sturmovik" for \$19.95.

Don't use this service thinking you'll save money. The price was the same as

Web sites that sell physical copies, and I found it even cheaper on eBay.

After creating an account and entering my credit card info, I had to download a special program manager to securely track my 479-megabyte purchase, which was shipped onto my PC in just over an hour.

Conveniently, it automatically resumed downloading when I had to reboot after a system crash. A few mouse clicks later, I was blasting Nazis from the sky.

Yahoo and Comcast have very similar "Games on Demand" offerings instead of buying, you rent and pay a monthly fee.

SEE GAMES ON PAGE 27

Product review

YOUR MONEY

Games: On-demand options abound

GAMES, FROM PAGE 26

Yahoo's service has been available for several years, and it shows. With 175 games, it has by far the largest selection, at least that should appeal to hardcore and casual gamers.

But the large library is rather dated, with the newest title being "War Times," a strategy game that was released in April. At times Yahoo has a decent mix of top games from last year, including "Prince of Persia: The Sands of Time" and "Tom Clancy's

Splinter Cell."

Yahoo has several subscription plans, including a \$14.95-a-month option that lets you rent an unlimited number of games.

Comcast's on-demand site, launched this summer, is almost identical to Yahoo's.

You have to download a similar application which serves as a portal to browse and play a varied selection of 118 games, ranging from first-person shooters like "Unreal Tournament" to simple puzzlers like "Operation."

Games which Comcast considers new include "Warlords: Fantasy II," a fantasy-themed strategy game. But calling such a title new is simply misleading — it's been out since May.

Newer, popular PC games were missing entirely.

Comcast's main Game Web page showed a list of the current top PC games, but clicking on it redirected me to a list of shopping sites where I could buy the boxed product. Sigh.

I went ahead and rented "Warlords." The download process took about 10 minutes on my DSL connection, and I was up and gaming. The experience was similarly hassle-free with Yahoo.

I knew in advance which games would work because the program scanned my computer to make sure it had enough power to run the games. Yahoo does the same.

By contrast, Direct2Drive only lists the minimum system requirements you'd normally see on the side of the packaging.

I thought the scan was a nice convenience, though it might give pause to the security-conscious.

With a minimal investment,



AP photos

Above: A framegrab of the Comcast Web site where a user can download games to their computer for a monthly fee. Bottom left: IGN Entertainment's Direct2Drive Web site allows the user to purchase and download games to their computer.

Yahoo and Comcast have created an easy way to let you try out games before you buy.

Though I preferred Direct2Drive's more direct click-and-buy model, the meager

selection was disappointing.

But since the inventory also was lacking with Comcast and Yahoo, shoppers looking for the latest and greatest are better off buying the old-fashioned way.



THURSDAY'S MARKET SUMMARY

INDEXES					
52-week High	Low	Name	Last	Net Chg	% Chg
10,753.62	9,897.72	Dow Jones Industrial	10,125.40	-115.65	-1.17
3,388.72	2,743.46	Dow Jones Transportation	3,341.87	-46.85	-1.38
301.25	242.25	Dow Jones Utilities	299.87	-3.23	-1.06
6,798.12	5,812.25	NYSE Composite	6,654.22	-61.21	-0.94
1,389.75	1,095.75	AMEX Index	1,129.30	-36.45	-3.24
2,153.53	1,750.82	Nasdaq Composite	1,945.22	-22.51	-1.14
1,132.23	1,018.12	S&P 500	1,130.85	-11.40	-1.00
618.46	528.13	S&P MidCap	598.13	-1.25	-0.21
695.42	583.88	Russell 2000	582.60	-10.86	-1.70
11,717.14	9,890.82	10 Wilshire 5000	11,847.02	-1.64	-0.01

NYSE			AMEX			NASDAQ			
Most Active (\$1 or more)			Most Active (\$1 or more)			Most Active (\$1 or more)			
Name	Vol	Last	Name	Vol	Last	Name	Vol	Last	
Alcoa	107,156	1.48	44.80	Nasdaq100	87,828	86.24	GrubHub	29,924	4.80
Pfizer	81,140	29.99	1.11	SPDR	87,828	86.24	INTC	29,924	4.80
Boeing	31,461	38.00	0.00	Semtech	21,656	31.87	1010	18,484	12.95
Merck	29,444	1.50	-1.11	SPDR	87,828	86.24	INTC	29,924	4.80
AMZN	14,876	11.41	0.44	SPDR	87,828	86.24	Microsoft	38,189	28.71
IBM	13,866	11.65	-0.11	SPDR	87,828	86.24	Applied Materials	25,136	0.88
BIDU	13,448	24.75	-0.11	SPDR	87,828	86.24	Sumitomo	15,454	4.23
Google	12,755	13.00	-0.11	SPDR	87,828	86.24	Humana	19,775	2.02
Citigroup	10,670	44.76	-0.22	SPDR	87,828	86.24	United Therapeutics	14,613	0.63
				SPDR	87,828	86.24	Longview	12,211	1.33

KEY DEFENSE STOCKS						KEY MUTUAL FUNDS					
Name	Vol	FE	Last	Chg	% Chg	Name	Vol	NAV	Chg	% Chg	YTD
Armed Industries	44	58.76	-1.06	-1.8	-1.8	Fidelity Invest: Global	26.35	33.30	-0.30	-0.9	-1.5
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EXCHANGE RATES

Military rates			
Japanese yen (Oct. 27)	109.00		
South Korean won (Oct. 9)	1,121.00		
Euro (Oct. 9)	\$1.2626		
British pound (Oct. 9)	\$1.83		
Commercial rates			
Bahrain (Dinar)	0.370		
British pound	\$1.7828		
Canada (Dollar)	1.791		
Denmark (Krone)	6.6545		
Egypt (Pound)	6.1252		
Hong Kong (Dollar)	\$1.7296		
Hungary (Forint)	20.20		
Israel (Shekel)	4.643		
Japan (Yen)	111.15		
Kuwait (Dinar)	0.7946		
Norway (Krone)	6.7959		
Philippines (Peso)	56.38		
Saudi Arabia (Riyal)	3.7500		
Singapore (Dollar)	1.6888		
South Korea (Won)	114.93		
Switzerland (Franc)	1.632		
Thailand (Baht)	46.25		
U.S. dollar	1.49257513		

(Military exchange rates are those available to customers at military banking facilities in the country of issuance for Japan, South Korea, Germany, the Netherlands and the United Kingdom. For nonlocal currency exchange rates, see purchasing British pounds in Germany. Check with your local military banking facility. Commercial rates are interbank rates provided for reference when buying currency. All figures are foreign currencies, which are represented in the British pound, which is represented in dollars-to-euro, and the euro, which is dollars-to-euro.)

PRECIOUS METALS

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Gold	\$418.00		
Silver	\$7.194		
INTEREST RATES			
Prime rate	4.75		
Discount rate	2.75		
Federal funds market rate	1.75		
3-month bill	1.70		
30-year Treasury	5.00		
Source: The Associated Press, Bank of America			

To our readers

Liz Pulliam Weston's "Money Talk" column will return soon. Stripes apologizes to her weekly readers.

cents and Sensibility
Money tip of the day

Watch what you say

CBS MarketWatch

NEW YORK — What you say at work, and how you say it, influences how you come across on the job. If you use poor grammar or appear unconfident and unpolished, you may have difficulty succeeding.

There are some simple things you can do to improve how you speak, and Patricia Fripp, a speech coach based in San Francisco. She recommends the following:

- Be specific in your language choice. Avoid vague terms such as "stuff" or "things." What do you mean by "stuff"? Fripp asks.
- Look at your language and say exactly what you mean.
- Watch for word ticks. Monitor and ask friends to point out any annoying habits. Pay attention to overused phrases such as "you know," "kind of" and "like."
- Cut out nonwords. Constantly inserting "hmm," "ah," "er" and other noises convey uncertainty. Simply pause if you aren't sure what to say or are searching for a transition from one topic to the next.
- Use simple, declarative sentences. Avoid starting with "I think" or following up with question remarks such as "right" or "see," advises Fripp.
- Soften blunt yes/no answers by adding clarification. "Yes, I know Marshall" or "No, I haven't read that Money Tip."
- Avoid slang words.
- Take your time. Speak just a bit slower than you usually do and concentrate on your words. You will seem more thoughtful, and you may avoid some of the pitfalls above.

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Sunday Horoscope

The Virgo moon may trigger a chain reaction — perhaps something that was unfinished or unexplained last month can now be wrapped up in a neat little package. Clear the surfaces of your life (and while you're at it, scrub them down) to see what still needs doing. When bills, errands and filing are finished, an "ah-ha" moment will come.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (October 10). Your plans come together. Over the next two months, you've got outstanding energy and will do those things that you normally can handle. For this reason, you're promoted and paid quite well.

Love with a Cancer or Aries happens at the beginning of the year.

Make a decision in March about where to live — new locations are fabulously lucky.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Being objective in love is nearly impossible. Tell your thoughts to someone trustworthy, and see what this person comes back with. Having a sounding board is invaluable. Experienced people have much to offer you.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20).

Group goals are attained before personal ones — work on being accountable to yourself as you are to others. Your style attracts a quality partner, but of course, your sexuality is sheer determination.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Loved ones are more generous when you make demands or at least talk openly about your ambitions. Taking emotional risks brings good results. Old disagreements are resolved by sunset.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Expensive energies are working in your favor. You have earned your right to the very best, so let yourself have it.

Do not expect romance to follow a formula. Be flexible, and eventually, you get your way.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Your exceptional observational skills give you an edge. An alluring new per-

son could distract you from your main focus — and it's so much more fun! Keep spending to a minimum. You've got nothing to prove.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You're hot on the social scene, and you don't even have to try!

Being around family is hanging out with a mirror.

Use what you're learning to develop which habits to keep and which to lose.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You crave the uncontrollable. Just be careful not to choose a target solely based on the fact that it looks impossible to hit. Your quest to save money is on track. The key changes you've made have become habits.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Keep dreaming about where you want to be. Then, you can work backward to construct a framework for accomplishment. Being in front of people is featured. You'll be nervous but will do very well.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). The check really is in the mail, but it's going to take an extra couple of days to reach you. In the meantime, make a definite financial plan. Consider upcoming travel in your decision.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You're the victor in competitions. Rely on your network if you need to make a few social phone calls in order to get things done, but all means, get on the phone. Friends would love to help.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). There's something that you just can't get off your mind. Take a break from worry — even if it means you have to distract yourself. Some time socializing out on the town is just what you need.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Time wastes around. You'd be wise to update the computer (step out on the Internet) for the case, afternoon. Couples: Time apart, however unappealing that sounds, gives perspective on your wonderful relationship.

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Notoriously vague meaning

My husband recently met my boss for the first time, and upon being introduced to him said "Ah, the notorious Steve." My boss' eyebrows rose as he replied, "Notorious? I didn't think I was that bad." When I looked up the definition of "notorious" I understood his reaction. Is my husband's mistake a common one?

Your husband's mistake is certainly not unheard of.

Merriam-Webster's Collegiate Dictionary, Eleventh Edition, defines "notorious" as "generally known and talked of, especially; widely and unfavorably known"; your boss' reaction shows that it's this second part of the definition

that comes to mind when he hears the word "notorious."

Our evidence shows that most writers associate the term "notorious" with the negative. The word is often used to modify nouns for an undesirable person, such as "gunman," or "thief." However, usage writers do not agree entirely on the term.

When there are no moral overtones, it is sometimes the case, "notorious" is used as a more emphatic term for "celebrated," "famous" or "well-known."

This column was prepared by the editors of Merriam-Webster's Collegiate Dictionary, Tenth Edition. Readers may send questions to Merriam-Webster's Wordwatch, P.O. Box 270, 7 Federal St., Springfield, Mass. 01102.

Wife's assumption about man's actions leads to end of marriage

Dear Abby: I have seen letters in your column on signs of a cheating spouse. Allow me to offer a word of caution.

The "guilty" husband or wife could very well be innocent. A year and a half ago, I began working out at a nearby gym during my lunch hour. My wife, "Connie," and I were both overweight when I started my exercise program. I ended up losing 55 pounds.

During this time, Connie was still gaining. When she'd complain about her weight, I tried to be supportive and reassure her that she was still attractive to me, but said that I was worried about her health. Connie knew I had the same concerns about my own health, and that's why I was trying to get into shape. Once I started, I discovered I enjoyed my exercise routine, including pre-workout. I had to work a 40-hour week, and spend every other available moment with my wife and three young sons. After my weight came down, I needed new clothes and redesigned myself with a new wardrobe. Around the same time, I shaved off my beard and began sporting a new, shorter

haircut that made me look years younger. I felt like a new man.

Connie became convinced I was having an affair and went out and had an affair of her own. Suddenly, my wife wanted to go "work out" or "go shopping" two or three evenings a week. I eagerly volunteered to watch our boys so Connie could enjoy the time by herself. Little did I know she was driving a hour out of state to have sex with a guy she met on the Internet. I was devastated when I found out.

Connie told me she thought the reason I had been so accommodating was because I was cheating, so she was fighting fire with fire.

We are now in the process of divorce, and Connie is in therapy. The guy she was seeing is married with four children. So now, two marriages are messed up. Please share my story with your readers, Abby. IT CAN happen.

— **Lost Weight and a Wife in Washington State**

Dear Lost: How sad. As your experience proves, people who fight fire with fire usually wind up with ashes. Your wife's self-esteem was so low, she assumed

you had found someone more attractive. How much sorrow could have been avoided had she discussed her fears with you.

Dear Abby: I am in the California National Guard. Last year I was activated and sent to Iraq. My wife has not written to me since last November. It takes me up to three weeks to get her on the phone because she wants to ransack me with her questions.

All I know is that I am married, and she's acting as if I don't count, only her friends do. How can I make her understand how much she is hurting me by ignoring me while I'm over here fighting?

— **Heartbroken Soldier in Iraq**

Dear Heartbroken Soldier: If the woman you married is of normal intelligence, I'm sure she already knows it. It appears you have married someone who is either extremely immature or without priorities or conscience. Spouses promise to care for each other in good times and in bad and as a military wife, her first objective should be to reassure her husband whose life is on the line every day he's away.

Letters for this column — with your name and phone number — should be addressed to Dear Abby, P.O. Box 6940, Los Angeles, CA 90069. Readers can write to Abby on the Internet at <http://www.pittsburgh.com/dearabby>. Universal Press Syndicate

My friend is now sleeping with woman's 17-year-old son

Dear Annie: My friend, "Teresa," lost her husband last year after a long illness. A few months later, she wound up pregnant by a 20-year-old. She is raising the baby alone, along with her 17-year-old son from her marriage.

Teresa was having serious money problems, so when she had a job, I offered to baby-sit for free to help her out. On one day, I let my 17-year-old son, "Kyle," baby-sit. One day, when I was at Teresa's, her 18-year-old son, "My money loves Kyle," I asked my son if anything was going on between them, and he said, "No."

Three months ago, Kyle informed me that when he turns 18, he would be living with Teresa. When I confronted Teresa, she couldn't even look me in the face. My husband and I got into a huge fight with Kyle.

We told him he was not to see Teresa anymore. He promised to end it, but last week, I accidentally picked up the phone and heard Kyle and Teresa talking. He became angry with me and said he was moving in with Teresa and never coming back. I spit out, "Go right ahead."

Kyle moved out three days ago, and I haven't spoken to him

since. Teresa is 34 years old. She was supposed to be my friend. What would make a woman that age want to sleep with a 17-year-old boy?

— **Distracted Mother**

Dear Mother: Let's assume Teresa is a lost soul since her husband's death, and so desperate for affection that she grasps at those who are easiest for her to manipulate. Nonetheless, that does not excuse her behavior.

Your state may have legal penalties for a woman having sex with a boy under 18, especially if there is more than a 10-year age gap between them. Talk to your state's attorney's office for information about legal recourse. If Kyle is old enough to give consent, the best you can do now is make peace with him and with Teresa, so you can stay in touch with your son and be a source of support when he needs you.

And if Kyle decides he made a mistake, you're the loser to say, "I told you so."

Dear Annie: "A Confused Son" said his mother blatantly favors his sister and her children. He has my sympathy. Last Christmas, my mother-in-law

bought tons of presents for her daughter's children, but not a single one for mine. She treats my kids like second-class citizens.

My mother-in-law has told me point-blank that she doesn't like me or my kids (her grandchildren). My husband says that's just the way she is and I shouldn't let it bother me. He insists on taking our children to see her, even though they are miserable for the entire visit.

— **End of My Rope**

Dear Rope: You weren't the only one who identified with that letter.

Read on:

Washington, D.C.: When my daughter called Grandma to tell her she'd won a golf tournament, Mom's only reply was, "You cousin takes better." The last straw was on my daughter's birthday, when my mother refused to come because it would interfere with her other grandchildren's trip time. My children are deeply affected by their grandmother's blatant favoritism, and I no longer let them visit her.

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Dear Abby



Annie's Mailbox

SPECIAL TO STARS AND STRIPES

Walter Scott's **Personality PARADE**

Want the facts? Opinions? Truth? Write Walter Scott, Box 5001, Grand Central Station, New York, N.Y. 10163-5001. Full name will be used unless otherwise requested. Volume of mail makes personal replies impossible.

QIn a recent item on Edd Hall, you said he was the announcer for David Letterman before joining Jay Leno. Well, unless he shared the mike with my dad, Bill Wendell—who was the announcer—your facts are a bit off. —Anne Wendell, Burbank, Calif.

ANo offense to your dad, but we never said Edd Hall was Dave's announcer; only that he was "with Letterman for 10 years." In fact, Edd was a production assistant who also did voices and appeared in sketches. Your dad was indeed Dave's announcer from 1980 to 1995. Bill Wendell—who earlier worked for Bob Hope, Jack Benny and Ernie Kovacs—died of cancer in 1999 at age 75.

QYou said George Clooney was married to Talia Balsam. I thought he was a confirmed bachelor. —Michelle Blue, San Diego, Calif.

AHe is—now. But in 1989, at age 28, George wed Talia, daughter of actor Martin Balsam. Their three-year union ended for the same reason as George's subsequent relationships: He'd rather spend time with his male pals and pot-bellied pig, Max, than with his lady friends. Now, that's what some might call a real "male-chauvinist pig!"



KRT

Clooney: no wife required.

QReports on Mary-Kate and Ashley Olsen often mention their dad but never their mom. Are their parents still married? —Sherry Heinrich, Menlo Park, Calif.

ANo. After Dave and Jamie Olsen got divorced in 1996, the twins' mom retired from the spotlight while their dad remained on the board of their multimillion-dollar Dualstar Entertainment Group. Incidentally, Mary-Kate is doing well after treatment for an eating disorder. Both 18-year-olds are carrying a full course load at New York University this semester.



AP

Ubiquitous twins Ashley, left, and Mary-Kate Olsen find a way to skirt the 'is she or isn't she eating' controversy—wearing loose dresses.



AP

Donald Trump hasn't fired fiancée Melania Knauss—yet.

QBesides being there for him, does Donald Trump's fiancée, Melania Knauss, do anything? —Pat Good, Roanoke, Va.

AAs the main squeeze of The Donald, 58, sultry Melania, 33, has her hands full just avoiding those fatal words: "You're fired!"

Q"American Idol" runner-up Diana DeGarmo fell during a tour of "Idol" stars. Is she OK? —Sarah Stapp, Seattle, Wash.

AShe's fine. Diana, 17, stumbled onstage while singing "Crazy in Love," Beyoncé Knowles' hit, but her braces probably hurt less than the criticism she endured last season from Idol judge Simon Cowell. Since finishing second to Fantasia Barrino, Diana has released the hit single "Dreams" and is recording a solo CD. She plans to finish high school in Georgia.



FOX

'Idol' Diana DeGarmo is fine after taking a tumble on tour.

QCan you tell me why the media were all over Jennifer Lopez when she was dating Ben Affleck but seem far less interested in her now that she is married to singer Marc Anthony? —Paul Nack, Denver, Colo.

ABecause a mismatch like Ben and Jen made better copy than a marriage of two kids from the block.

QI heard that fleet-footed Irish dance phenom Michael Flatley has a new show. Any details? —Sonja Marino, Cassville, N.Y.

AFlatley, 46, is still busy choreographing and rehearsing his new show in Dublin and London. No details, but he promises it will be a departure from his trademark "Lord of the Dance" spectacle, which has four troupes touring the world. Unfortunately, while Flatley was getting back in dancing shape, he was falling out with fiancée Lisa Murphy.

QDid Rush Limbaugh's trouble with drugs and his subsequent stint in rehab cause his wife to divorce him? —Toby A. Fayetteville, Ark.

ANo. Rush's divorce from wife No. 3, Marta, wasn't connected to his abuse of prescription drugs. "It was the familiar sad story of growing apart," a friend tells us. By the way, it was Rush, 53—not Marta, 45—who asked for the divorce, which Rush describes as "amicable."

QSmarty Jones, who nearly won the Triple Crown, was retired due to ankle bruising. Did that cause his loss at Belmont? And is he being treated for it now? —S.P., Mechanicsburg, Pa.

ANo and no. "Smarty Jones feels absolutely fine and needs no treatment," says a spokesman for the \$7.6 million prize-winner. "The ankle would only have been an issue if he continued training heavily for races." The small chestnut colt retired to Three Chimneys Farm, near Midway, Ky., where he'll stand at stud, servicing 111 mares a season.

JAPAN TV (BILANGAL, SPORTS, MOVIES AND MUSIC)

SUN, OCT. 10

Morning
10:00 "Shogun" Lesson/NHK Trophy
"Shogun" Tournament (3)

Afternoon
12:00 "Gor" Lesson/NHK Trophy
"Gor" Tournament (3)

2:00 NHK Japan Soccer Music
Contest: Elementary School (3)

2:30 40th Anniversary of Tokyo Olymp-
ics: Soccer, Japan vs. Hungary
(1)

3:30 Grand Sumo Special Tournament
(1)

4:00 Sanyo Ladies Open Golf: Final
Round (12)

4:05 Coca Cola Tokyo Classic Golf:
Final Round (12)

4:30 AIG Japan Open Tennis (1)

5:30 Auto Racing: Japan GT Champi-
onship (12)

Evening
7:00 News (1)

7:30 Japan College Rugby: Kanto
Gakuin Univ. vs. Chuo Univ. (42)

8:55 PGA Tour: 2004 European Players
Championship Highlights (42)

9:00 Classical Music: Nhk Symphony
Orchestra - Rossini's Overture to
"The Barber of Seville" (42)

9:00 Classical Music: Nhk Symphony
Orchestra - "William Tell" Mozart's
Symphony No. 35 in D minor
("Rhapsody") (42)

9:00 Classical Music: Nhk Symphony
Orchestra - "The Pine-tree of Rome"
(Conductor: Nello Sanzoni) (42)

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SUN, OCT. 10

Morning
7:10 U.S. Movie (1993): Untamed
2 (1:47)

10:30 U.S. Movie (2002): Sunshine
State (2:25)

Afternoon
4:30 Hong Kong Movie (1972): Half a
Loaf of Kung-Fu (1:40)

4:50 Hong Kong Movie (1976): Shaolin
Ninjas Men (1:50)

6:10 Hong Kong Movie (1976): The
Island of Lost Dreams (1:43)

11:40 Pro Wrestling: World Heavy-
weight Title Match, etc. (1:40)

11:50 British-Italian Movie (1990):
The Sheltering Sky (2:30)

MON, OCT. 11

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9:00 Chinese Movie (2002): Hero
(1:54:10)

10:00 F1 Grand Prix: The 17th Round,
Japan (GP) (8)

11:30 Friends (42)

12:30 "TWENTY FOUR: Series II"
(8)(2 episodes/ends)

1:55 Prince Takamado, Memorial
Fourth Series: Semifinals High-
lights (10)

2:25 MotoGP: The 14th Round, Malay-
sia (GP) (4)

2:38 MLB: Divisional Play High-
lights (8)

3:38 NFL: Divisional Play High-
lights (10)

MON, OCT. 11

Morning
10:00 NHK Japan Soccer Music
Contest: Junior High School (3)

10:30 World Rhythmic Gymnastics
Club Championship: Aeon Cup
2004 (4)

Afternoon
12:00 Auto Racing: 2004 WAC Rally
Championship (1:10)

12:30 Masaaki Hirao Pro-Am Charity
Golf Tournament (12)

1:50 The 16th Japan All Japan College
Soccer Tournament (relay) (8)

1:54 Chicago Marathon (12)

3:30 NHK Japan Soccer Music
Contest: Senior High School (3)

Afternoon
12:00 TV Series: CSI: Crime Scene In-
vestigation (1:30)

1:00 U.S. Movie (1993): Sleepless in
Seattle (1:50)

3:00 U.S. Movie (2002): Adaptation
2:50 Oswald #23 (r)

Evening
6:00 Hong Kong-U.S. Movie (2002): So
Close (2:00)

8:00 TV Series: Third Watch
9:00 TV Series: CSI: Crime Scene Inves-
tigation (1:30)

10:00 U.S. Movie (2002): Just a
Kiss (1:35)

11:40 The Beat Film: Eminem
(1:30)

TUE, OCT. 12

Morning
7:30 Oswald #24
8:00 U.S. Movie (1975): Desk Set (1:54)

10:00 U.S. Movie (1989): Lock Up (1:37)

Afternoon
12:00 CNN News
2:00 PBS Newshour
3:00 ABC News
4:00 World News
5:00 ABC News
5:25 ABC News

Evening
6:00 Kitchen
7:00 TV Series: 24
8:10 World Sports Highlights
9:30 NFL: Miami Dolphins vs. New En-
gland Patriots (1:30)

11:00 NFL: Tennessee Titans vs.
New England Patriots (1:30)

12:00 NFL: New England Patriots vs.
New York Jets (1:30)

1:00 NFL: New York Jets vs. New En-
gland Patriots (1:30)

2:00 NFL: New England Patriots vs.
New York Jets (1:30)

3:00 Prince Takamado Memorial
Fourth Series: Soccer Championship:
Final (10)

3:55 Ultimate Fighting: K-1 World Max
2004 (6)

10:00 America's Top 40 (42)

11:15 2000 FIFA World Cup: Soccer
Asian Bloc: Preliminary - Oman
vs. Japan (6)

2:39 Yomiuri Symphony Hour (4)

2:39 Budokai Lightyear of Star Command
(6)

10:00 Nikita (42)

1:25 MLB Highlights (6)

TUE, OCT. 12

Afternoon
12:30 V.J.P. (12)

1:30 U.S. Movie (1951): A Streetcar
Named Desire (2:00:12)

5:50 News (6)

7:00 NHK News (1)

10:00 News (1)

WED, OCT. 13

Afternoon
12:30 V.J.P. (12)

1:30 U.S. Movie (1962): Mutiny on the
Titanic (2:00:12)

5:50 News (6)

7:00 NHK News (1)

10:00 News (1)

THU, OCT. 14

Afternoon
12:30 V.J.P. (12)

1:30 U.S. Movie (1966): The Chase
(2:00:12)

5:50 News (6)

7:00 NHK News (1)

10:00 News (1)

FRI, OCT. 15

Morning
7:30 Disney (12)

Afternoon
12:30 TV Series: CSI: Crime Scene In-
vestigation (1:30)

1:00 Taiwanese-French Movie (2002):
The Crossing (1:25)

2:30 U.S. Movie (1996): Jerry Maguire
(2:00)

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8:00 Prince Takamado Memorial
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2:40 CBS Documentary: The Scarlet Let-
ter (1:50:10)

2:50 U.S. Movie (1990): The Scarlet Let-
ter (1:50:10)

3:10 U.S. Movie (1990): Cadillac Man
(1:50:12)

SAT, OCT. 16

Afternoon
1:00 Traditional Arts of Japan: Noh &
Kyogen (3)

1:50 The 19th Japan Open Golf Champi-
onship (12)

4:00 Fujitsu Ladies Golf 2004 (10)

Evening
6:30 Rugby: Top League - Suntory vs.
Kubota (42)

8:30 Rugby: Top League - Toshi-
ki Fuchu vs. NEC (42)

12:40 The 25th Japan International
Dance Championships (1:10)

12:45 E.R. VII (1)

2:10 U.S. Movie (1988): They Live (6)

3:25 NFL: Football: Teams To Be Decid-
ed (4)

2:10 U.S. Movie (1996): Freeway (2:00)

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Students head toward the cafeteria on Thursday, walking past a mural of dinosaurs in a hallway between the cafeteria and classrooms.

Sasebo artist filling a school with vivid color

BY GREG TYLER
Stars and Stripes

SASEBO NAVAL BASE, Japan — By day, it's a world of hammers, nails, nuts and bolts for the handyman at Jack N. Darby Elementary School. But during volunteer hours he gives the school, it's all about acrylics and walls.

Beginning last school year, Toshiya Ikeda, 45, started painting murals on school walls, gradually turning almost clinical, antiseptic-looking off-white spaces at the Hario Housing Village school into images bustling with life, brilliant colors and imagination.

He's not sure which stretch of wall school Principal John Mueller will allow him to transform next, but he's ready, the professional artist from Sasebo city said via a translator Thursday.

"When I walk the hallways and I see the children looking at the art and talking about it, and the teachers and others too, it makes me feel very satisfied to think, 'This is something I have done,'" Ikeda said.

In part because of his talents, art began spreading in the hallways.

Gretta Keel, art teacher at Darby, painted both sides of her classroom door with murals featuring

ing a mix of animals and objects that project joy and help enhance creativity in her pupils, she said.

Her door, then another two more murals by Keel and host nation culture teacher Megumi Fukui contributed to more painting.

Satō Mueller, the principal's wife, claims she's no artist but accepted the challenge after some urging and painted two large wall murals with storybook flowers and animals.

"We drew on the walls first using an image shown on an overhead projector, then decided on the colors and I began to paint. I enjoyed doing this, and I think I would enjoy it again. It gives the school a much brighter and happier look," she said.

More murals are almost certain. Ikeda paints alone, and his talent is available for more, he said, as long as there are spaces he can transform.

"I started painting when just a boy. Later, while still growing up, an artist who lived near-by began teaching me about painting," Ikeda said. In addition, he studied sculpture for two years at Tokyo University before refusing on painting.

According to Keel and Mueller, people associated with the school



PHOTOS BY GREG TYLER/Stars and Stripes

Sasebo Naval Base's Jack N. Darby Elementary School handyman Toshiya Ikeda is a noted local artist. Over recent months, Ikeda volunteered his time to paint several murals in the school.

Above: Satō Mueller, wife of Principal John Mueller, shows part of a mural of animals, insects and flowers she recently painted. Below: Dolphins frolic along a stairway.

community have commissioned several works by Ikeda. He shows his work in area galleries and at exhibits in Sasebo's Yonka-cho (a massive indoor-outdoor mall).

"We should be, and we are honored to have an artist of his skill working here and volunteering — as in no money — painting these murals," Keel said.

With all the praise, Ikeda's modest. "Even though I think I could make my living solely from painting, I don't rely on it and I enjoy my work here," he said. "I want the children to enjoy the murals. I know they won't all become artists, but I do hope that this will help them develop appreciation for creativity of the art."

As for the other painters, Keel welcomes anyone willing to help with any upcoming murals.

"Truly, it takes everybody," she said. "If you can hold a paintbrush, I can teach you."

"This school environment is so important to our children, and especially overseas at military bases where parents may be deployed for long stretches of time. The school environment needs to sug-



gest happiness and be positive," she said.

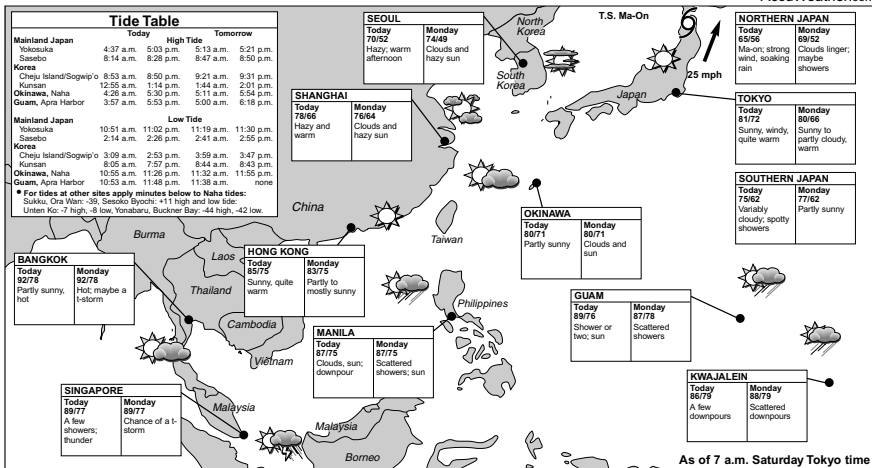
"They (pupils) know all this is

done for them," she added. "They know it's because we love them."

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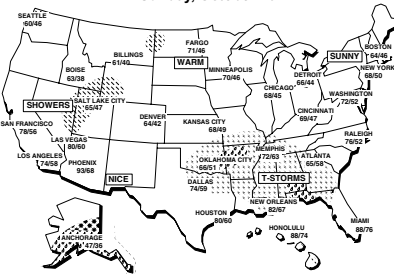
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Friday's USA Temperatures

CITY	HIGH/LOW	CITY	HIGH/LOW
Albuquerque	76/50	Los Angeles	85/60
Amarillo	75/48	Little Rock	70/58
Anchorage	49/38	Louisville	81/58
Ashville	72/49	Miami	87/74
Baltimore	78/50	Milwaukee	67/50
Birmingham	78/61	Nashville	78/56
Bismark	73/40	New York	77/60
Boise	81/52	Omaha	76/47
Boston	76/58	Orlando	87/68
Brownsville	88/72	Philadelphia	78/55
Buffalo	77/60	Phoenix	99/70
Burlington	76/58	Pittsburgh	78/56
Charleston, SC	81/62	Portland, OR	64/54
Charlotte	78/54	Portland, ME	72/49
Cleveland	79/59	Salt Lake City	79/52
Columbus, OH	80/55	St. Louis	72/54
Duluth	63/42	San Antonio	86/68
El Paso	83/68	San Diego	77/62
Hartford	78/50	San Juan	88/76
Helena	76/37	Tampa	89/70
Indianapolis	77/54	Tulsa	81/67
Jacksonville	83/66	Washington	79/56
Kansas City	76/51	Wichita	82/53

Sunday, October 10



U.S. Extended Forecast

A tropical disturbance in the Gulf of Mexico will continue its eastward trek Sunday and trigger heavy rain, thunderstorms and gusty winds to parts of eastern Louisiana and into the Florida Panhandle. A stationary front draped over the Southeast will cause a few thunderstorms to rumble in eastern Texas, Louisiana and Arkansas. Meanwhile, a large area of high pressure will allow sunny skies to grace the Northeast with a good deal of sunshine extending into the Plains. A cold front pushing through the Rockies will ignite showers and thunderstorms. Behind the front, another area of high pressure will build into the Northwest and provide dry weather.

Sunday's Pacific Temperatures

CITY	HIGH/LOW	CITY	HIGH/LOW
Bangkok	92/78	Iwakuni	78/63
Beijing	76/52	Kadena AB	80/71
Camp Casey	73/52	Kunshan AB	73/57
Christchurch	51/36	Kwajalein	86/79
Diego Garcia	84/76	Manila	89/77
Hagatna	89/76	Masawa AB	73/63
Hanoi	81/73	Osan	73/52
Hong Kong	85/75	Perth	68/52
Honolulu	88/74	Pusan	72/60
		Sasebo NB	74/64
		Sapporo	65/56
		Seoul	70/52
		Shanghai	70/66
		Singapore	89/77
		Sydney	73/54
		Taipei	79/64
		Tokyo	81/72

Sunday's World Temperatures

CITY	HIGH/LOW	CITY	HIGH/LOW
Acapulco	85/72	Budapest	48/40
Athens	82/69	Buenos Aires	63/50
Auckland	60/48	Cairo	85/60
Baghdad	86/69	Cancun	88/73
Barbados	88/70	Cape Town	61/44
Barcelona	67/52	Geneva	63/48
Berlin	49/40	Istanbul	61/47
Bermuda	84/72	Jerusalem	83/57
Brussels	57/41	Johannesburg	80/49
		Kabul	62/27
		Nairobi	85/55
		New Delhi	87/56
		Oslo	41/29
		Paris	55/46
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No. 10 Cavs win eighth straight

BY HANK KURZ JR.

The Associated Press

CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va. — Guard Elton Brown and his Virginia teammates don't care that their national ranking and gaudy offensive numbers have been questioned.

The Cavaliers figure they've justified their No. 10 ranking by dominating all of their opponents, including a convincing 30-10 victory over Clemson on Thursday night.

When Brown looked across the line at Clemson's defenders in the second half, he saw a team about to give in. The Cavaliers did it they could to make the Tigers their fifth victim of the season.

"We saw they were getting tired," Brown said. "We just wanted to get out after it and just let it go. Coach put the ball in our hands and we responded."

The Cavaliers (5-0, 2-0 Atlantic Coast Conference) ran the ball with ease in the second half, putting together three scoring drives and another to the 5-yard line. In the process, they made believers of the Tigers, who were dealt their fourth straight setback.

"They're a running team,"

Clemson quarterback Charlie Whitehurst said. "In the second half, we had a couple of three-and-outs and they drove it."

The Cavaliers play pretty good defense, too. After Clemson drove 80 yards in six plays on its first drive to take a 7-0 lead, the Tigers managed just 131 yards and seven first downs the rest of the way.

"When you drive it down like that in pretty convincing style, you're expecting you can do it again," Whitehurst said. "We didn't."

Alvin Pearson ran for 104 yards and scored two fourth-quarter touchdowns to help Virginia seal its first 5-0 start since 1998.

"Whatever coach needs me to do, I'm willing to do so," said the senior, who also returns punts and plays wide receiver.

"Today, I just happened to be carrying the rock a little more and I'll take that." Virginia won its eighth straight and has nine days to prepare for its toughest test yet — at No. 8 Florida State a week from Saturday.

The Cavaliers certainly looked ready against the Tigers.

Clemson (1-4, 1-3) drove easily downfield on its opening drive,



THE ROANOKE TIMES/AP

Virginia's Heath Miller dives into the end zone to score on a 3-yard pass in the second quarter against Clemson on Thursday.

using a 56-yard pass from Whitehurst to tight end Ben Hall to set up a 5-yard TD reception by Duane Coleman after just 3:11.

But all the Tigers added was a 43-yard field goal by Jad Dean on their third possession — capping a drive that covered only 16 yards.

Connor Hughes had field goals of 21, 43 and 50 yards, and the Cavaliers gained 239 yards on the ground, 225 through the air.

Heath Miller added a 5-yard touchdown catch to give Virginia a 13-10 halftime lead.

Playing without defensive end and captain Chris Canty for the first time after he had season-ending surgery, the Cavaliers looked just as dominant on defense as they had in blowout wins in their first four games.

Clemson rushed for just 45 yards on 21 carries.

"The players knew what the challenges were in front of them, and I thought they responded to those challenges," Virginia coach Al Groh said.

The Tigers also had no answer for Virginia's running game, getting a reprieve only when Walt Lundy fumbled after running for a first down at the Clemson 5 in the third quarter. Travis Pugh recovered for the Tigers.

Three plays later, the Tigers were forced to punt from their 22. Pearson took over at tailback and the Cavaliers put the game away.

Whitehurst finished 16-for-28 for 166 yards and threw his 11th interception of the season.

Carter keeps South. Miss. undefeated

BY JOEY MCCREARY

The Associated Press

HATTIESBURG, Miss. — Damon Carter came on in an emergency and saved Southern Mississippi's perfect start.

Carter, the Golden Eagles' backup quarterback, threw a 4-yard touchdown pass to Otto Graves in overtime, giving Southern Mississippi a 35-29 victory over Houston on Thursday night.

It was just Carter's third pass of the season, and his only attempt of the game, but it helped Southern Miss win its fourth straight to start the season, the first time the Golden Eagles have done that since 1981. Southern Miss has won 12 straight in Conference USA play since 2002.

"Being the No. 2, you know you're always only one play away," Carter said. "I try to get out there with the same poise and confidence that Dustin goes out there with and be a team leader."

Southern Miss (4-0, 3-0 C-USA), which blew a 4-point lead and trailed for most of the second half, forced overtime on Thursday night. Dustin Almond's 18-yard touchdown run with 1:22 remaining and Anthony Harris' game-tying 2-point conversion run.

Almond pulled a hamstring in his left leg on the TD run, forcing Carter into the game.

Southern Miss got the ball first in overtime and scored when Carter rolled right and hit Graves, who made a fingertip grab in the back of the end zone. Dustin McCale's extra-point was blocked.

"I don't know how I managed to get one leg in, but I made a big play," Graves said.

Houston then advanced to the Southern Miss 15 before faltering with two plays for negative yardage, a false-start penalty and two incompletions.

"We should have had some momentum entering the overtime [half], we got that blocked extra point," said Kendall Briles, Houston's backup quarterback-turned-multipurpose tight end and the son of coach Art Briles.

Kelly was 19-for-36 for 345 yards and a touchdown for the Cougars (1-5, 1-2), who rallied from a 21-7 deficit and led 29-21 before Almond's touchdown run.

BCA prepares to grade minority hiring practices

BY MICHAEL MAROT

The Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — Black Coaches Association executive director Floyd Keith knows some colleges won't like the grades he'll soon give them on their minority hiring practices.

He doesn't care. "I can't worry about that," Keith said Thursday. "... There will be some schools that are going to be mad at the BCA. There are some schools that got good grades."

Some colleges and universities did receive good grades on the BCA's first report card, which will be released Oct. 20, Keith said.

The BCA has evaluated the hiring practices at 26 Division I-A and Division I-AA football programs and evaluated schools in five areas:

- the percentage of minorities involved in the hiring process;
- the number of minority candidates who received interviews;
- the length of the search process;
- whether the process followed the institution's affirmative action hiring policy;
- and the schools' contacts with either Keith or the chair of the NCAA's Minority Opportunity and Interests Committee.

The interview category counts twice as much as the others.

Schools are then given a grade in each group and a final score is compiled. Those receiving 20-24 points get an A, 15-19 a B, 10-14 a C, 5-9 a D and below 5, an F.

The BCA asked each of the 28 schools that had job openings during the past year to complete a form that was analyzed by an outside firm. Any school not completing a form receives an F.

Keith has said the BCA's goal is to have 20 percent of all new coaches be minority hires.

One school that may not be pleased is Nebraska, a school

Keith criticized after the Cornhuskers selected Bill Callahan as its football coach. Keith questioned the university's hiring process in choosing Callahan, who had recently been fired by the Oakland Raiders, and is white.

Longtime Cornhuskers assistant Turner Gill, a former Nebraska player, was the only minority candidate known to be interviewed.

Last year, only one black head coach was hired — Sylvester Croom at Mississippi State. There are five black coaches in Division I-A football — Croom, UCLA's Karl Dorrell, Notre Dame's Tyrone Willingham, San Jose State's Fitz Hill and New Mexico State's Tony Samuel.



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Dale Earnhardt Jr. (8) tries to catch up with Kurt Busch at New Hampshire International Speedway in Loudon, N.H., on Sept. 19. Docking points from Junior for cursing in Victory Lane last week at Talladega had severe implications: He dropped from first to second in the driver standings, giving up the top spot in the race for the Nextel Cup title to Busch.

Busch looking to build Nextel lead

Driver holds 12 point edge over Junior heading to Kansas Speedway

BY MIKE HARRIS

The Associated Press

KANSAS CITY, Kan. — Kurt Busch is making no apologies for being in the lead of NASCAR's championship chase.

Busch is 12 points ahead of Dale Earnhardt Jr. in the Nextel Cup standings entering Sunday's Banquet 400 at Kansas Speedway.

A lot of the focus this week has been on the 25-point penalty handed to Earnhardt for his now-famous slip of the tongue last Sunday at Talladega. But Busch has helped himself tremendously by being the only contender to finish in the top five in each of the first three races of the 10-race title showdown.

"It's something that you don't focus on, but yet you do have it in the back of your mind that you've done the best job in these three races so far," Busch said. "It really is a feather in the crew's hat and the team can feel the different intensity of being the points leader. But it can go away just that quick."

As for Earnhardt's penalty for using an expletive during a live post-race victory interview, Busch said, "It's unfortunate. Hopefully, these 25 points won't come into the final factor because we want to beat him on the racetrack."

Earnhardt's team plans to appeal the points penalty, but no hearing date has been set. Meanwhile, the Chase for the Nextel Cup goes on with seven races left.

"It's just a matter of putting 10 races together and we're poised to do that with the tests that we've saved up and the luck that we've had recently," Busch said. "And just being able to be competitive is the biggest key — to be able to run eighth place at all of these races."

"If you've got a chance to win, do it. If you slide out of the top 10 (in a race), you've got to finish as close to that top 10 as you can."

Earnhardt, who has top-10 finishes in each of the first three races of the championship chase, has much the same philosophy.

"We've been really testing hard at some places that have given us some trouble, and Kansas is one of them," said Earnhardt, 33rd, sixth and 18th on the 1½-mile oval. "We tested there last week and it went really well, and I was happy with the car."

"Matt (Kenseth) was there and a bunch of other guys. Nobody said their car was really handling great. We were all kind of struggling with the same things. The cars didn't seem to want to turn, or they were too loose. But we were happy at the end of two days."

As for trailing Busch at this point, Earnhardt insists there's a lot of racing left.

"It's still anybody's race," he said.

Four-time champion Jeff Gordon was leading Busch by one point before a late-race fade left him 19th at Talladega and third in the standings, 48 points behind the leader and 50 ahead of fourth-place Mark Martin.

Everyone else in NASCAR's new format has had at least one

bad race in the first three and needs some bad runs from the top five to get back into contention. Kenseth, the reigning series champion, is 137 points behind Busch. Tenth-place Jeremy Mayfield is almost locked out already, 267 back. In between are Tony Stewart, defending race winner Ryan Newman, Elliott Sadler and Jimmie Johnson.

Newman isn't ready to give up with more than halfway to go in the title chase.

"We're still in the thick of things, pointwise," he said. "This team has really clicked when it counted. We know that a couple more wins would catapult us to the top, so that's what we're hoping for right now. If we just keep concentrating on winning some of these last seven races, the points will take care of themselves."

Busch figures the Kansas race could signal what will happen the rest of the way, with four of the final seven events on 1½-mile tracks.

"We've got Kansas, Charlotte, Atlanta and, of course, Miami (Homestead), so that's where you have to be the most competitive," Busch said. "I believe Kansas and Charlotte (Oct. 16) are going to set the tone for this championship."

Groups say shield Kobe accuser

The Associated Press

DENVER — Advocacy groups urged the media on Thursday to refrain from identifying the woman accusing Kobe Bryant of rape while she pursues her civil lawsuit against the NBA star, despite a court ruling that will lift her anonymity.

The woman's attorneys had asked U.S. District Judge Richard Matsch to

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allow her to be known only as Jane Doe in court documents and during hearings.

The judge rejected the request late Wednesday, saying it would be unfair to Bryant and that her privacy has already been invaded to the extent that granting her anonymity would have little effect.

The woman's name has been on the Internet for months, in part because of mistakes by courthouse staff in posting case filings. Tabloid newspapers have published her name and photos, and she was repeatedly identified in a nationally syndicated talk-radio show.

"The main thing we're concerned about is not as much as [her name being used in] the court documents, as we're hoping this doesn't open the door for the mainstream media outlets to print her name," said Cynthia Stone, spokeswoman for the Colorado Coalition Against Sexual Assault. "Most people out there do not know her name. You actually have to look for it, and most people aren't going to actively look for her name."

The woman's attorneys said the ruling was not a surprise. They also said they had no intention of dropping the suit, which seeks unspecified damages.

Lakers' Grant misses practice

SAN DIEGO — Forward Brian Grant, part of an offseason trade with the Miami Heat, was withheld from practice as a precaution by the Los Angeles Lakers on Thursday because of a sore neck re-aggravated in training camp.

Grant, whose status is day-to-day, originally hurt his neck during summer conditioning. X-rays of the latest ailment were negative.

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Swimmer Thompson to retire

By BETH HARRIS

The Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — Jenny Thompson is ready to trade in the pool for a career in medicine.

The 31-year-old swimmer, who owns an American-best career total of 12 Olympic medals, will retire after the World Short Course Championships in the same city where her international career began in 1987.

Thompson quit once before, after the 2000 Olympics. This time, she means it.

"Time has just flown by," she said. "I think about it and I'm like, 'Wow, 10 years ago I was doing the same thing and maybe I should do something else for a change.' I keep on telling my friends, 'I need a new hobby.'"

In 1987, Thompson was a 14-year-old competing in the Pan American Games, winning two



Thompson

reminded me a lot of myself when I was at my very first international meet," Thompson said. "She's just really young and cute. I don't know if I was cute, but I was probably obnoxious and naive."

Thompson could race as many as 11 times in the 25-meter temporary pool at Consco Fieldhouse if she makes the final in her three individual events — 50-meter butterfly, 50 freestyle and 100 butterfly.

"I'm going to approach this

golds and a bronze.

Katie Hoff hadn't been born; Hoff, now 15, was a teammate of Thompson in Athens and is swimming in this week's meet.

"She reminded me a lot of myself when I was at my very first international meet," Thompson said. "She's just really young and cute. I don't know if I was cute, but I was probably obnoxious and naive."

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"I'm going to approach this

meet like I would any other meet where I want to do my best," she said. "I like training long course and like racing short course because it's just more intense, especially in this venue."

Thompson settled for two silvers in her fourth Olympics in Athens. She didn't win an individual gold during her career, but earned eight golds in relays. Her 12 Olympic and 14 world championships medals are more than any swimmer in history.

She attributes her longevity to a genuine love of putting her face in chlorinated water every day and a passion for racing.

"The keys for me were always keeping things fresh, mixing up workouts or traveling and working out with other teams overseas or just being open to new ideas," she said. "Enjoying the people and the travel more than the accomplishment or the medal or the record."

QB Daugherty takes charge, leads Samurai over Shogun

Stars and Stripes

Call it Justin Daugherty's coming-out party.

The junior quarterback "made the difference" Friday night, coach Fred Bales said, as he went 7-for-13 for 142 yards and two touchdowns to lead the Kubasaki Samurai past the Kubasaki Shogun 27-12 in Okinawa Activities Council football.

The victory kept the Samurai a half-game behind the league-leading Kadena Islanders, whose game against the Kadena Buccaneers was postponed until Tuesday because rain associated with Super Typhoon Ma-on rendered Kadena High's field unplayable.

Tormenting rain and the stellar play of Leonard Lynce marred Zama American's first night game at Atsugi Naval Air Facility, as Nile C. Kinnick pounded the Trojans 44-0.

Beneficial conditions prevailed at Misawa Air Base, and the Yokota Panthers ran their on-field winning streak to 44 games, cruising 41-0 over the Robert D. Edgren Eagles.

Okinawa

Kubasaki Samurai 27, Kubasaki Shogun 12: At Camp Foster, Okinawa, Daugherty was 8-for-32 for 86 yards with three interceptions entering Friday's game, but against the Shogun he turned into the quarterback that Bales said he knew he could be.

"I thought his play made the difference," Bales said. "He made a game of it. He was under terrible conditions. He made some plays. He's a good kid and a good football player."

Despite turf mowing Sunday and sloppy play early Monday downpour, the Ma-on drenched downpour threw first-half touchdown passes of 8 yards to rangy Stephen Thompson and 29 yards to Desmond

Prep football

Jackson, who made a nifty cut around the secondary into the end zone.

Jon Keith ran back an interception 45 yards to end the first half and Dan Miller blocked a punt and took it 12 yards for a third-quarter score.

The latter two TDs offset a second-half rally by the Shogun, who cut the gap to 15 points thanks to a 28-yard fumble return by Calvin Gardner and Michael Bennette's 12-yard scoring pass to Ronnie Stephens. Keith Sturdivent led the Shogun with 97 yards on 15 carries.

Bales, offensive coordinator the previous five years under Shogun coach Charles Burns, swept the season series from his old boss.

"We're very fortunate," he said, deflecting talk of the partnership turned rivalry. "I have a lot of respect for those guys. They play proud football. We're just lucky to come out of here with the win."

Japan

Yokota 41, Robert D. Edgren 0: Trips to Misawa Air Base worry Yokota coach Tim Pujol. Aside from the 10-hour bus ride, his Panthers don't get much rest before stepping onto the field for a Friday night game. The Eagles also gave Yokota a scare last year before losing 14-0 last Oct. 4.

"This was definitely different than last year," Pujol said, adding that aside from the journey, "we were still fighting the battle of being more precise on offense, cutting down on penalties and turnovers. The first offense did a great job of that, put me at ease. We came out very strong."

Shamarr Howell ran five times

for 111 yards, including touchdowns of 57 and 38 yards, caught an 11-yard TD pass and had an interception.

Chris Roach added 102 yards and a 5-yard touchdown on eight carries. Shawna — Norvont went 4-for-5 for 77 yards, including a 21-yard TD pass to D.J. McCary. Jamal McNeill scored Yokota's other touchdown, on a 75-yard interception return.

"They (Yokota) obviously came out with the mind-set that they wanted to firmly re-establish who were the big dogs on the block," Edgren coach Jim Burgess said.

"That is a quality team. Our kids were overwhelmed. They played their hearts out in the second half, but this reaffirms, we aren't there yet."

Nile C. Kinnick 44, Zama American 0: At Atsugi Naval Air Facility, the Red Devils dominated from the opening kickoff, as Brandon Taylor picked up a Trojans fumble and ran it 35 yards for a score.

Lynce followed with TD runs of 40 and 36 yards on Kinnick's first two offensive plays and added scoring runs of 58 and 7 yards. He finished with 195 yards on 10 carries.

Adam Krievs had seven tackles and a fumble recovery for a defense that forced seven turnovers. Andy Brown, Broderick Thomas, Mervin Ibanez, Ren Jackson and Antoine Coleman also forced fumbles.

Bales, playing under newly installed lights at Atsugi's Reid Memorial Stadium, did not come out to play the second half.

With two Zama players suffering from hyperthermia and at least two inches of water on the field, Trojans coach Ron Geist and the referees conferred at halftime and agreed to end the contest.

Geist slipped on the sideline and suffered a broken kneecap that will require surgery.

Typhoon washes out OFL, prep football

By DAVE ORNAUER

Stars and Stripes

CAMP FOSTER, Okinawa — Super Typhoon Ma-on left the Okinawa area Friday afternoon, but it still will have havoc on the interservice and high-school football schedules this weekend.

Three Okinawa Football League military games and one Okinawa Activities Council week high school contest were washed out because rain associated with Ma-on rendered the events' fields unplayable, officials said.

Friday afternoon's high-school contest between the Kadena Islanders and Kadena Buccaneers was postponed until Tuesday due to "uncertainty of the weather," Kadena High assistant principal Tony Harris said.

"The field's not in the best of shape, either," Harris said. "It would have been a muddy mess. We decided to wait until Tuesday, in the interest of safety, if nothing else."

The OFL continued to suffer from the weather. Five of the new league's nine games scheduled the first three weeks of the season have been pushed back.

Typhoon Meari forced two

games scheduled Sept. 25-26 to be called off. Now, three more games — including Saturday's first-place battle between Foster-Futema and Kadema — have been scrapped.

Ma-on was made up at the end of the season, said Mike Walker of Marine Corps Community Services' Semper Fit Athletics, which oversees the OFL. The regular season had been slated to end Nov. 14.

The spate of makeup games will likely mean the league playoffs, which start in December, spanning weekend and to end with the league title game Dec. 4, will be pushed back at least a week, maybe longer.

Walker said that heavy rain Friday morning made unplayable the Courtney Bowl at Camp Courtney, the league's main event. The decision to call off the games was made Friday afternoon by Mike Desmore of Semper Fit. No thought was given to moving the games elsewhere, Walker said.

Also, a youth friendship baseball day scheduled for Saturday at Camp Foster was canceled due to the weather, MCCS Christine Brown said.

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Local scoreboard

Japan Football League

Yokota	W	L	Pct	PP	PA
Yokota	3	1	.750	98	88
Nile C. Kinnick	3	1	.750	98	88
Zama American	0	4	.000	18	112

Kanto Plain Association of Secondary Schools

Yokota	W	L	Pct	PP	PA
Nile C. Kinnick	3	1	.750	114	13
Yokota	3	1	.750	114	13
American School in Japan	0	3	.000	18	121

Nile C. Kinnick 44, Zama American 0
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Yokota 41, Robert D. Edgren 0

Saturday, Oct. 15
Edgren at American School in Japan, 1 p.m.

Okinawa Activities Council

Kadena Islanders	W	L	Pct	PP	PA
Kubasaki Samurai	3	1	.750	81	75

Kadena Buccaneers	1	2	.333	36	61
Kubasaki Shogun	0	4	.000	40	78

Friday's games

Kadena Islanders vs. Kadena Buccaneers.

Friday's games
Kadena Islanders at Kadena Islanders, 7 p.m.
Kubasaki Samurai at Kadena Islanders, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, Oct. 12
Kadena Islanders at Kadena Islanders, 7:30 p.m.

Friday, Oct. 15
Kadena Buccaneers at Kubasaki Samurai, 7:30 p.m.

Kadena Islanders at Kubasaki Samurai, 7:30 p.m.

Korea tennis

Friday's results

At Seoul

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Tourney dates changed for Far East wrestling

By DAVE ORNAUER

Stars and Stripes

For the second straight year, the dates of the Far East High School Wrestling Tournament, scheduled for February at Yokota Air Base, Japan, have been pushed up a week because of billing concerns, Department of Defense Students Sports-Pa-cific officials said.

The tournament was scheduled for Feb. 21-23, but now will be held Feb. 17-19 at Yokota High School.

Jeff Martin, DODDS-Pacific chief of staff, said Friday that Yokota was "better able to accommodate the wrestling team by letting the week before the originally slated dates."

The tournament's dates changed last year for similar reasons — the base hosted a military exercise the week that the tournament was originally scheduled.

Far East this year for the first

time will be open only to DODDS-Pacific teams. The decision made two weeks ago that Far East tournaments in tennis, cross country and wrestling would include only DODDS schools, due to concerns about billing and athletic facilities.

In response to that decision, St. Mary's International School of Tokyo made an offer to DODDS-Pacific's Far East Activities Council chair Don Hobbs to host Far East wrestling, in an effort to keep international school teams.

Attempts Friday to reach Hobbs by phone and e-mail were unsuccessful. Hobbs is expected to be away on assignment next week.

St. Mary's athletic director David Ducharme, reached by telephone, said he'd had no word from Hobbs by late Friday afternoon.

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New England quarterback Tom Brady has led the Patriots to victory in the final quarter or overtime 16 times in 55 career starts.

Pats favored to win 19th straight game

By Dave Goldberg

The Associated Press

The New England Patriots probably will claim their 19th consecutive victory (including playoffs) when the downtrodden Miami Dolphins travel to Foxboro on Sunday.

The question, really, is the margin.

New England is favored by 13 points, a huge spread in the NFL. That reflects the Patriots' excellence and the abysmal nature of the Miami offense, which has only two touchdowns in four games, all losses.

But consider that only three of the Patriots' 18 straight wins are by more than 13 points, one of them last week when they won 31-17 in Buffalo.

That was hardly a blowout.

The teams were tied entering the fourth quarter, and the Bills were at the New England 17 with less than three minutes left, trailing by just seven. Then a typical New England play: Teddy Bruschi knocked the ball from Drew Bledsoe's hands, and Richard Seymour returned it for the clinching score.

Miami's defense is good; Bill Belichick makes the Dolphins sound as good as the 1985 Bears.

"They choke you off. They bog it down," New England's coach said. "They are tough and they have always been tough. They are tough to run against. They are tough to throw against. They are good on third down. They are good in the red area. They are good on the goal line. They are good everywhere."

OK, we get it point. They're good enough to cover.

PATRIOTS, 18-6.
Tennessee (plus 3) at Green Bay (Monday night): Brett Favre and Steve McNair are injured, but both are supposed to play.

The Packers can't lose three straight at Lambeau, can they? Yes. ... **TITANS, 10-17.**

St. Louis (plus 6½) at Seattle: Seattle is allowing just 4.3 points a game. The Rams will nearly quadruple that and still lose. ... **SEA-HAWKS, 24-17.**

Oakland (plus 9) at Indianapolis: Kerry Collins was awful last

NFL picks

week. But two years ago, he threw for 366 yards and four TDs in Indy with the Giants and won 44-27. ... **COLTS, 49-44.**

Detroit (plus 7) at Atlanta: The Lions demonstrated against the Eagles that they're not quite ready for big games. Atlanta's defense is. ... **FALCONS, 22-10.**

Carolina (plus 5½) at Denver: The Panthers are capable of a surprise. ... **BRONCOS, 20-17.**

Buffalo (plus 7) at New York Jets: For what it's worth, the Bills are the NFL's best winless team and the Jets may be the worst unbeaten one. But John Abraham against a shaky offensive line and a fumble-prone Drew Bledsoe means no upset. ... **JETS, 27-21.**

New York Giants (plus 3½) at Dallas: "He's a very good friend of mine and so on and so forth," former Tuna helper Tom Coughlin says of Bill Parcells. "But it's the Dallas Cowboys against the New York Giants." For bragging rights as the second-best team in the NFC East. ... **GIANTS, 17-16.**

Baltimore (pick 'em) at Washington: For bragging rights on the Beltway. Ray Lewis rebounds after one of his worst games. ... **RAVENS, 20-16.**

Cleveland (plus 6) at Pittsburgh: Another commuter rivalry. Big Ben (Roethlisberger) is doing well with a low-risk game plan. ... **STEELERS, 21-14.**

Jacksonville (plus 2½) at San Diego: Is there a reason the Chargers can't win? ... **CHARGERS, 17-11.**

Minnesota (minus 4) at Houston: The Vikings have problems outdoors, so the Texans will keep the roof open. ... **TEXANS, 24-23.**

Tampa Bay (plus 3) at New Orleans: The Saints are a dysfunctional family. The Bucs get a boost from Chris Simms. ... **BUCS, 16-11.**

Arizona (plus 1½) at San Francisco: The Cardinals have been in every game. The 49ers haven't. ... **CARDINALS, 17-13.**

Last week: 9-4-1 (spread), 9-5 (straight up).

This week: 33-25-2 (spread), 43-17 (straight up).

J. Lewis suspended two games for his role in drug transaction

The Associated Press

OWINGS MILLS, Md. — Baltimore Ravens running back Jamal Lewis was suspended two games by the NFL for violating the league's substance abuse policy.

The decision, issued Friday by commissioner Paul Tagliabue, came one day after Lewis pleaded guilty in Atlanta to using a cell phone to try to set up a drug transaction more than four years ago. Lewis, 25, also was fined an additional two weeks' salary. He will not be paid while suspended.

"You have needlessly sullied your own reputation and reinforced unfair and negative public perceptions of NFL players generally," Tagliabue wrote. "The consequences of your poor judgment include incarceration, suspension from the NFL and the loss of \$761,000 in salary. The long-term damage to your own reputation may well be even greater."

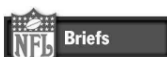
Under the NFL's substance abuse policy, a drug-related legal violation is grounds for league discipline.

The league told Lewis he must file any appeal within five days. He is eligible to play during that period. That means he can play Sunday against the Washington Redskins on the road, Baltimore's final game before an off week.

If he does not appeal, Lewis will miss the Ravens' home game Oct. 24 against the Buffalo Bills and a game Oct. 31 in Philadelphia.

Under an agreement with prosecutors, Lewis will not miss additional playing time while serving his sentence of four months in federal prison and two months in a halfway house. The sentence would start after the NFL's regular season ends in January and conclude before the 2005 season gets under way in September.

Lewis missed practice Thursday while in Atlanta, but rejoined the team Friday. Before practice,



NFL injury update

Injuries to prominent players, followed by team's prognosis for its upcoming game.

Broncos: RB Quentin Griffin (sprained ankle) questionable.

Packers: QB Brett Favre (concussion) probable.

Titans: QB Steve McNair (bruised sternum) questionable; OG Zach Miller (tom left elbow) out for season; TE Ernie Kinney (strained calf) out.

he spoke excitedly about putting his problems behind him.

"It's a load off my shoulders. Now I can continue on," he said. "I don't have to worry about that anymore, and I can just get on with my life and play football."

Giants backup LB Mallard out for rest of season

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — New York Giants backup linebacker Wes Mallard, who played Korea Youth Services football for the Yongsan Raiders in 1994 and 1995, will miss the rest of the season with a knee injury.

Mallard tore the anterior cruciate ligament in his left knee during a passing drill in practice Thursday. The third-year pro will need surgery and rehabilitation, the team said Friday.

Mallard suffered the same injury to the same knee last season.

He was hurt Dec. 21 against Dallas. He was placed on injured reserve before the final game of the season.

Mallard is the third Giants defender to be sidelined by a season-ending injury, and the second to go down in a practice mishap.

Starting safety Shaun Williams suffered a knee injury two weeks ago while diving to make an interception during practice.

Fellow safety Omar Stoutmire was hurt in the season opener against Philadelphia.

Mallard had played in all four games this season, getting most of his action on special teams. His most extensive playing time was against Washington on Sept. 19, when weakside linebacker Barrett Green suffered an ankle injury. Mallard had two tackles in that game.

A sixth-round draft choice out of Oregon in 2002, Mallard played in 15 games in each of his first two seasons. His 17 special teams tackles last season tied Kevin Lewis for second on the team, two behind team leader David Tyree.

Vanderjagt questionable; Colts sign K Bryant

INDIANAPOLIS — With kicker Mike Vanderjagt questionable because of a hamstring injury, the Indianapolis Colts signed former New York Giants kicker Matt Bryant on Friday.

Vanderjagt, who injured his right hamstring Sunday against Jacksonville, did not kick Friday, but indicated that he hopes to play Sunday against Oakland. He plans to kick on Saturday.

"We're leaning toward taking the safe route, the conservative route, and kicking Matt," coach Tony Dungy said Friday. "We'll see what happens. We've still got two days to make that decision."

Bryant made 11 of 14 field goal attempts last season with the New York Giants, but missed five games with a hamstring injury.

Vikings WR Moss probable

EDEN PRAIRIE, Minn. — Randy Moss left the Minnesota Vikings practice Thursday afternoon with a sore right ankle, but the All-Pro wide receiver isn't expected to miss any action Sunday at Houston.

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'Big 3' stymied, so bottom three pick up slack as St. Louis wins

BY R.B. FALLSTROM
The Associated Press

ST. LOUIS — The Los Angeles Dodgers handled St. Louis' trio of MVP candidates. It's the bottom of the Cardinals' order that gave them fits.

Mike Matheny, Edgar Renteria and Reggie Sanders combined to go 8-for-10 with five RBIs and five runs scored, helping the Cardinals win without the long ball Thursday night.

After tying a postseason record with five home runs in the NL playoff series opener, St. Louis used eight singles, two doubles and a triple to produce the same outcome in Game 2, an 8-3 victory over the Dodgers.

"The big three has been the catalyst for us all year, and they're definitely the reason we are where we are," Sanders said. "But this is a collective effort. It's everybody."

Following a sweep at Busch Stadium, the Cardinals head to Dodger Stadium with a 2-0 lead in the best-of-five series. Matt Morris will try to wrap it up against Jose Lima in Game 3 on Saturday night.

"These guys aren't here because it's a fluke," St. Louis' Larry Walker said of the Dodge-



Los Angeles reliever Giovanni Carrara grimaces after a looped ball by St. Louis' Mike Matheny, right, falls for a two-run single in the seventh inning of Thursday night's NL playoff game. St. Louis won 8-3.

ers. "They're not going to just roll over. They're going to battle, so that's what we've got to do."

Albert Pujols, Scott Rolen and Jim Edmonds, who each had 100 RBIs, were a combined 1-for-11 in Game 2. The closest the Cardinals came to a home run was Tony Womack's triple off the base of the wall in the second and a drive to the wall in left-center by winning pitcher Dan Haren in the pivotal three-run fifth that put the Cardinals ahead 6-3.

"That's all I've got," Haren said. "I'll settle for the win."

Seven of the eight St. Louis runs scored with two outs as the Cardinals chased Jeff Weaver in the fifth. The Cardinals have gone 7-for-15 with two outs in each of the first two games.

"One of the things that's important is that two-out hits will usually win ballgames," Sanders said. "This team battles and battles and battles and doesn't give a pitcher a chance to be at ease."

Despite homers by Milton Bradley, Shawn Green and Jayson Werth, the Dodgers lost their eighth straight playoff game and remained winless in the postseason since beating Oakland in the 1988 World Series.

It's a formidable task for us, obviously," manager Jim Tracy said. "But I'm not going to sit here and say it can't be done."

Matheny, the No. 8 hitter, is the

first Cardinals player to get four RBIs in a division series game after two-run singles in the fifth and seventh. A .239 career hitter, he's 15-for-39 (.385) during an 11-game postseason hitting streak.

Renteria, batting sixth, was 3-for-4. His two-out, go-ahead single was the key blow in the fifth. Sanders was 3-for-3 and scored twice while batting seventh.

The Cardinals won despite a shaky outing by 15-game winner Jason Marquis, making his first career postseason start. He couldn't hold a 3-1 second-inning lead, allowing homers to Werth in the first and to Green and Bradley in consecutive at-bats to start the fourth.

Marquis lasted only 3 1/3 innings — his shortest outing of the year — and allowed three homers for the second time this season.

Five relievers kept the Dodgers off the scoreboard the rest of the way. Haren, who worked two scoreless innings, is projected to be in the rotation next year with Morris and Game 1 starter Woody Williams eligible for free agency.

The Dodgers' best chance to break the game open came in the fourth after Cal Eldred walked Cesar Izuris and Werth with two outs to load the bases and then went to a 3-0 count against Steve Finley before retiring him on a fly to center.

Reporter says issue with Bradley closed

The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Los Angeles Dodgers outfielder Milton Bradley won't be disciplined by the team for a clubhouse confrontation with a reporter he called an "Uncle Tom."

Club spokesman Gary Miereau said Friday the matter was closed.

A day earlier, Rich Levin, a spokesman for the American Baseball Hall of Fame, said the matter was closed.

"My initial reaction is that this does not rise to the level of disciplining Milton," Dodgers owner Frank McCourt told late Thursday in St. Louis. "Having said that, I don't condone him or anybody being disrespectful to somebody else by name-calling of any kind."

Several fans booed Bradley in each of his four plate appearances on Tuesday, when the Cardinals beat the Dodgers 8-3 in the opener of the NL playoff series. It was Bradley's first game following a five-game suspension assessed for a bottle-throwing tantrum during a win over Colorado in Los Angeles.

Jason Reid of the Los Angeles Times asked Bradley on Wednesday about his treatment by St. Louis fans. Bill Dwyre, a former Times' sports editor, said several reporters in the Dodgers' clubhouse said Bradley didn't like Reid. According to Dwyre, Brad's messengers and Reid's tape, Bradley said, "You're an Uncle Tom. You're a sellout."

According to Dwyre, Reid, who is black, took offense and began yelling at Bradley, who also is black.

Milton and I met in the clubhouse before the game," Reid said in a statement. "He apologized for the slur he directed at me, and we resolved to treat each other with respect and professionalism going forward. The matter is closed as far as I'm concerned."

Mariners' VP retiring

SEATTLE — Roger Jongewaard, vice president and

MLB briefs

special assistant to the general manager, is retiring after 19 years with the Seattle Mariners.

Jongewaard joined the Mariners in 1985 as scouting director. He was vice president of scouting and player development from 1989-2003.

Padres cut four

SAN DIEGO — The San Diego Padres released right-handed reliever Jay Witsack (0-1) on Thursday and outrighted outfielders Kerry Robinson (.24) and righty Steve Watkins (0-0) to Ricky Stearn (1-1) to Portland of the Pacific Coast League.

The moves reduced San Diego's 40-man roster to 36.

Mets interview Tosca

NEW YORK — Former Toronto Blue Jays manager Carlos Tosca interviewed with the New York Mets on Friday, the first candidate brought in to discuss the managerial opening following the firing of Art Howe.

Tosca met with New Mets general manager Omar Minaya and his top assistants, Jim Duquette, Gary LaRocque and John Ricco. The interview had been scheduled by Duquette when he was general manager and before Minaya was brought in Sept. 30 to take over.

Gullien out to stay

BOSTON — Jose Guillen won't play again for the Anaheim Angels this year.

No matter what happened in the AL division series against Boston, Anaheim manager Mike Scioscia said Friday the suspended left fielder wouldn't play in the postseason.

Guillen was left off Anaheim's roster for the division series after being suspended for the final eight games of the regular season and penalized two days' pay. The team punished him for a tantrum he threw in the dugout and clubhouse after being removed for a pinch-runner on Sept. 25.

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Swing: Astros fail to close Game 2

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baserunning — two were thrown out at the plate — and plenty of other wasted chances before Furcal came through.

The Braves outhit the Astros 14-4, holding Houston without a hit for the final 5 1/2 innings.

Realizing the importance of the game, the Braves used closer John Smoltz for three innings, his longest stint since September 2001. To keep him in the game, they let Smoltz bat in the bottom of the ninth, and he delivered his first hit since 1999.

Smoltz was in the clubhouse when Furcal ended it with only the second walk-off homer in the Braves' playoff history, according to the Elias Sports Bureau.

"This is huge. It changes everyone's mind-set," Smoltz said. "I was screaming as much as I've ever screamed."

Lidge came in after Furcal's run-scoring single off Oswalt in the seventh but couldn't hold a 2-1 lead. LaRoche came through with an RBI double in the eighth.

The Astros claimed the wild card by winning 36 of their last 46 regular-season games. Garner, who took over at the All-Star break when Jimmy Williams was fired, stuck with the win-at-all-costs philosophy.

"We've been doing that for two months," he said. "Every game has been just as important as this game."

Antonio Alfonseca, the last of



Rafael Furcal, left, is mobbed at home plate after his home run.

four Atlanta pitchers, got the win with a perfect 11th.

The Braves played the game under protest, contending that Garner feigned a problem with the phone line to the bullpen to give Lidge more time to warm up in the seventh.

No need for a ruling now. Houston built a 2-0 lead when Jeff Bagwell homered in the first and Raul Chavez went deep in the third off Mike Hampton.

It was Bagwell's first postseason homer, while Chavez had only two career homers, the last coming on April 15, 2003.

The Astros' offense disappeared after that. Trying to hang on, Garner summoned his closer in the seventh.

Lidge, who set a major league record for relievers with 157 strikeouts in 94 1/3 innings, got a reprieve when Furcal was thrown out trying to score in third after a pitch skipped in the dirt.

Chavez retrieved the ball about 15 feet away and threw from his knees to Lidge, who made the tag.

The Braves tied it in the eighth with three hits off Lidge, who was fortunate to escape with only one run scoring on LaRoche's double. Pinch-runner Wilson Betemit was easily thrown out at home when he broke on a one-hopper to third baseman Morgan Ensberg.

Hampton left in the seventh because of tightness in his left forearm. The injury wasn't serious.

Braves 4, Astros 2 (11 inn.)

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Cabelm cf	5	0	0	0
Bogioff lf	5	1	1	0
BKinn rf	5	0	1	0
Jaffro lf	3	0	0	0
Ensbjrg 3b	2	0	0	0
Nizrozi ss	3	0	0	0
Jvnczo ss	3	0	0	0
Lidge p	0	0	0	0
OFpine ph	0	0	0	0
Amos c	0	0	0	0
RChavez c	3	1	2	1
DMiccl p	0	0	0	0
Oswalt p	1	0	0	0
Briedts ss	1	0	0	0
Totals	34	2	4	2

	ab	r	h	bi
Furcal ss	5	1	3	0
Moltes 2b	5	0	1	0
J Drew rf	5	0	1	0
Clemens 3b	3	0	1	0
Jesita c	3	0	1	0
Jaffro lf	1	0	0	0
Loehne 1b	1	0	1	1
Ngreen sp	0	0	0	0
Edfriz c	5	0	1	0
Aloncs rf	5	0	1	0
Tham p	1	1	1	0
Grosky p	0	0	0	0
AWfisa p	1	1	1	0
Smoltz p	1	0	1	0
Alfura p	0	0	0	0
Mirrogo ph	3	1	1	0
Totals	47	4	14	4

Two outs when winning run scored.
115 000 000 110 02-4

E-R Chavez (1), DP-Atlanta 1, LOB-Houston 5, Atlanta 10, RB-Laruche (1), DWise (1), HR-Bagwell (1), R Chavez (1), Furcal (1), SF-Furcal (1), Thomas (1), CS-Berfman (1), J Drew (1), S-O Alfonseca, Furcal.

McClendon, T-327, A-40,075 (50,091).

Baseball playoffs scoreboard

Division series

American League
New York vs. Minnesota
Tuesday, Oct. 5
Minnesota 2, New York 0
Wednesday, Oct. 6
New York 7, Minnesota 6, 12 innings, series tied 1-1

Friday, Oct. 8
New York (Brown 10-6) at Minnesota (Silva 14-8)

Saturday, Oct. 9
New York at Minnesota

Sunday, Oct. 10
Minnesota at New York, if necessary
Anaheim vs. Boston

Tuesday, Oct. 5
Boston 3, Anaheim 3
Wednesday, Oct. 6
Boston 6, Anaheim 3, Boston leads 2-0

Friday, Oct. 8
Anaheim (Escobar 11-10) at Boston (Arroyo 10-9)

Sunday, Oct. 10
Anaheim (Lackey 14-13) at Boston (Wakefield 12-10), if necessary

National League
St. Louis vs. Los Angeles
Tuesday, Oct. 5
St. Louis 8, Los Angeles 3

Thursday, Oct. 7
St. Louis 8, Los Angeles 3, St. Louis leads 2-0
Saturday, Oct. 9
St. Louis (Morris 15-10) at Los Angeles (Lima 13-5)

Sunday, Oct. 10
St. Louis (Suppan 16-9) at Los Angeles (Perez 7-6), if necessary

Monday, Oct. 11
Los Angeles at St. Louis, if necessary
Atlanta vs. Houston

Wednesday, Oct. 6
Houston 9, Atlanta 3
Thursday, Oct. 7
Atlanta 4, Houston 2, 11 innings, series tied 1-1

Saturday, Oct. 9
Atlanta (Thomson 14-8) at Houston (Backe 5-3)

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Atlanta at Houston
Monday, Oct. 11
Houston at Atlanta, if necessary

Thursday

Cardinals & Dodgers 3

LOS ANGELES	ab r h bi	ST. LOUIS	ab r h bi
Utierrez ss	4 0 0 0	Winnick 2b	5 0 1 0
Worth lf	2 1 1 0	Waller lf	4 1 1 0
Griffey Jr. 3b	3 1 1 0	Pujols 1b	4 1 1 0
Beltre 2b	4 1 0 0	Rollins 3b	3 0 2 4
Schier 1b	4 1 1 0	Edmnd cf	4 0 0 0
Bledsoe rf	3 1 2 0	Reiter ss	3 0 2 1
Cora 2b	4 0 0 0	RSndrs lf	3 2 2 0
Ross c	2 0 0 0	Elliott c	3 0 2 4
Vintura ph	1 0 0 0	Mroquis p	1 0 0 0
Gagne p	2 0 0 0	Elliott c	1 0 0 0
Weaver p	2 0 0 0	Mandi ph	1 0 0 0
Schoch p	0 0 0 0	Haren p	1 0 0 0
Grubbs p	0 0 0 0	King p	0 0 0 0
Walver p	0 0 0 0	Cedeno ph	1 0 0 0
Carr p	0 0 0 0	tzarev p	0 0 0 0
Mays c	1 0 1 0	Kline p	0 0 0 0
Totals	42 3 6	Totals	34 8 11 7

Los Angeles 100 000 28x-8
E-Weaver (1), DP-St. Louis 8, LOB-Cardinals 9, St. Louis 8, 2B-Bradley (1), Walker (1), Bertrier (2), 3B-Winnick (1), RF-Werth (1), SH-Griffin (1), Bradley (1), SB-RSander (1), S-Mahoney

St. Louis 4 1/2 8 6 6 2 4
Weaver L-1-0
Sanchez 1/2 0 0 0 0 0
Walver 1/2 1 1 1 0 2
Carrara 1 0 0 0 1 2

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Postseason hits leaders

Through Oct. 7
The career postseason hits leaders (x-active):

	HITS
1. x-Derek Jeter	115
2. x-Bernie Williams	89
3. x-Chipper Jones	89
4. David Justice	85
5. Pete Rose	85
6. Paul O'Neill	85
7. Tim Lincecum	83
8. x-Ken Griffey Jr.	78
9. Reggie Jackson	75
10. Steve Garvey	75

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Houston
starter
Roy Os-
walt, the
NL's lone
20-game
winner this
year, gave
up only
one run in
6 1/2 in-
nings on
Thursday.

AP



Furcal's homer in the 11th ties series vs. Astros

BY PAUL NEWBERRY
The Associated Press

ATLANTA — Rafael Furcal can escape his troubles when he's at the ballpark.

It's the one place where he doesn't think about what awaits him at the end of the postseason.

"I forget everything except the field, put a lot of concentration on the game," the Atlanta Braves shortstop said. "Then, after the game, when I go to my house, I think of all my problems."

Set to report to jail when Atlanta's season ends, Furcal is trying to keep it going as long as possible. His two-out, two-run homer in the 11th inning gave the Braves a 4-2 win over the Houston Astros on Thursday, evening their NL playoff series 1-1.

"It was awesome," teammate Adam LaRoche said. "For as much pressure as has been put on him, knowing what's going to happen to him after we're done. I don't know how he's able to do it."

Furcal was in court just hours before Game 1, being sentenced to 21 days in jail for violating probation with his second drunken-driving arrest in four years.

His sentence was put off until the day after the Braves' season ends. Furcal, who had three hits and three RBIs, ensured that it won't finish with Saturday's Game 3 in Houston.

The Astros were on the verge of controlling the series when manager Phil Garner went to closer Brad Lidge in the seventh.

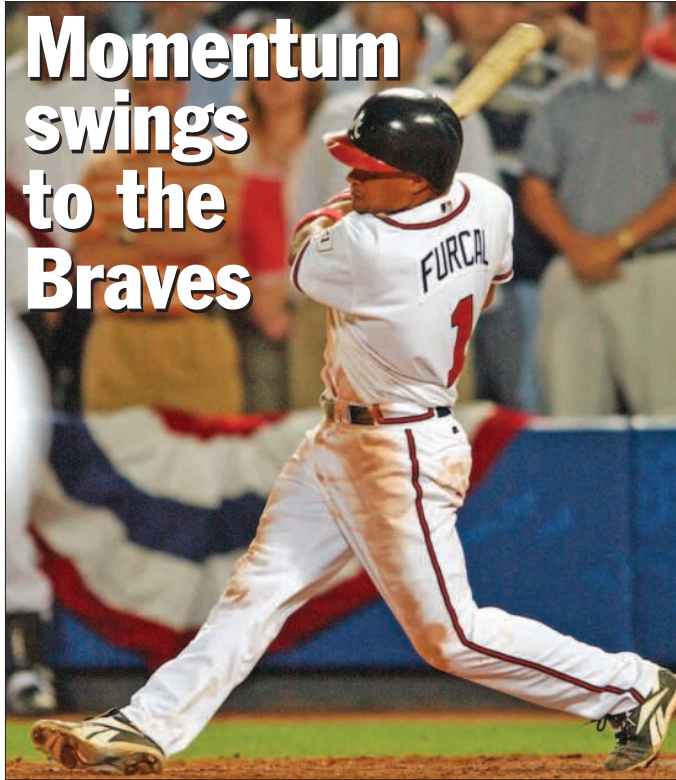
During his longest outing of the year, he gave up the tying run to force extra innings.

"I'm just upset at myself for not getting the job done," said Lidge, who pitched 2 1/2 innings. "You can't think about how long you're going to be out there."

Both teams went to extraordinary means — the Astros looking to take a 2-0 lead in the best-of-five series, the Braves realizing

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Momentum swings to the Braves



AP

Rafael Furcal hits a two-run homer — his first career playoff home run — that won Game 2. The series moves to Houston on Saturday.

they needed a split before playing twice in Houston, where the Astros have won 18 straight games.

Braves rookie Charles Thomas singled with one out in the 11th off Dan Miceli and stole second.

After pinch-hitter Eli Marrero popped

out to the catcher, Furcal golfed a 1-2 splitter deep into the right-field seats, flipping his bat in the air about halfway down the line to celebrate his first postseason homer.

The Astros, who have never won a postseason series, routed the Braves 9-3 in Game 1 and were ahead 2-0 going to the

seventh inning with 20-game winner Roy Oswalt on the mound.

But Atlanta, NL East champion for an unprecedented 13 straight seasons, fought back, managing to overcome some shaky

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After a
slow start,
No. 10
Virginia
runs over
Clemson

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Ravens RB Lewis
two games for his
role in drug case

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